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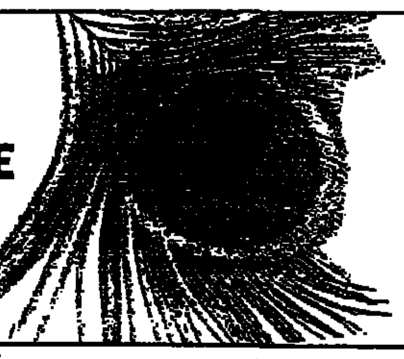

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Simon breaks silence on shares row

By Philip Webster and Andrew Pierce

LORD Simon of Highbury, the minister at the centre of the BP shares row, today fights back against his Tory critics, rejecting their "charges and innuendoes" that he is guilty of a conflict of interest in keeping his £2 million holding.

The Minister for Trade and Competitiveness in Europe, and former chairman of BP, breaks his silence on the affair to warn that the furore stirred up by the Conservatives might make other businessmen wary of becoming involved in government.

He describes claims against him by Tory spokesmen as without foundation, untrue and absurd.

And in an astonishing sideswipe at the Tory leadership he says that the conclusion of the arguments advanced by "what was once the party of business" was that all businessmen entering government were inevitably subject to conflict of interests and should be barred.

"That would be a shame for politics. It would be a shame for Britain," he writes in *The Times*. He voices shock that the criticism should have come not from old Labour but "an apparent champion of the free market", John Redwood.

However, he makes plain that he has no intention of standing down. "I have a thick skin and will not be deflected from the challenge of helping Britain win in Europe."

Simon: "I have thick skin and will not be deflected"

Lord Simon delivers a detailed defence of the charges made against him by the Tories, disclosing that he had decided against selling BP shares because he judged it would have been in breach of insider dealing legislation.

As chairman of BP he had considerable insider knowledge. The day he entered the new office he took advice from Sir Michael Scholar, the Permanent Secretary at the DTI.

He was advised to put his non-BP shares into a blind trust, which he had done. That was not appropriate for his BP shares. "It was therefore decided that I should keep my BP shares until the situation is reviewed in January next year, when a further assessment of my access to insider knowledge can be made. During this period none of my BP shares will be traded. In the meantime steps have been taken to ensure that I do not allow any conflict of interest between my BP shareholding and my official business."

Lord Simon does not say why it was inappropriate for his BP shares to go into a blind trust. Last night Whitehall sources said it was thought possible that insider trading legislation would still apply if the trustees dealt in Lord Simon's shares because he would have had privileged knowledge at the time that he put them into the trust.

The minister's fightback comes after the Prime Minister yesterday published a new code of conduct for ministers with stricter rules on financial interests.

The rules also confirmed the massive centralisation of power in Downing Street that has occured since Labour returned to power. In future ministers will have to get clearance from the Downing Street press office before they give major interviews to either newspapers or broadcasters or make media appearances. They will also have to clear the policy content of all major speeches, press releases, and policy initiatives with the No 10 private office, while the timing and form of announcements will have to be cleared with the press office.

Lord Simon describes as "absurd and totally without foundation" charges that he still takes decisions that relate to BP. "No BP-specific matters come before me. In all the flurry of political invective

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RON EDMONS/AP

Robert Ballard announcing his discovery, with some of the artefacts in front

Mills in fight for credibility after third court attack

By Richard Ford and Frances Gibb

DAME Barbara Mills was fighting last night to restore her credibility as Director of Public Prosecutions as the *Government further reduced* her independence after the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) was castigated in the courts for the third time in a week.

Lord Justice Rose, the second most senior criminal judge, accused the CPS of repeatedly taking "a flawed approach" in its decision not to prosecute four former members of the West Midlands Serious Crime Squad.

The ruling deepened the crisis surrounding the operation of the CPS and within hours Dame Barbara held a meeting with one of the Government's Law Officers where it was agreed to extend the terms of reference of the enquiry into two "deaths in police custody" cases to cover the Derek Treadaway case.

Yesterday's judgment — which prompted immediate speculation about the DPP's future — coincides with the disclosure that the senior judiciary has delivered a damning indictment of the CPS's performance to Sir Ian Glidewell, the former Court of Appeal judge, conducting the Government review into the service.

A letter drafted on behalf of the judiciary by Lord Justice Auld is believed to conclude that the CPS is struggling to cope and that the delivery of the service on the ground is badly failing.

The critique, based on soundings from the 500-strong circuit bench and from High Court judges, will be a further blow to Dame Barbara.

Yesterday Lord Justice Auld declined to discuss the contents of the letter. But some judges have made no secret of their views that the CPS is blighted by constant delays, caused by inadequate resources and a shortage of senior staff to take the relevant decisions.

Earlier in the High Court, Lord Justice Rose had delivered a stinging judgment in the latest challenge to a CPS decision not to bring a prosecution against police officers.

Derek Treadaway, who spent 13 years in jail before his conviction for robbery and conspiracy to rob was quashed, said at his trial that his "confession" was extracted from him by oppression and violence.

Lord Justice Rose said DPP decisions not to prosecute the officers in his case were perverse and flawed by a failure to give reasons. He accused Dame Barbara's department of not giving the "careful analysis" required to the ruling of a High Court judge who awarded Mr Treadaway, an armed robber, £50,000 compensation.

Lord Justice Rose said the CPS had breached its own test on whether there was enough evidence to prosecute the officers who allegedly tortured Mr Treadaway at Bromford Lane police station in Birmingham.

Although Dame Barbara took no part in the decisions on Mr Treadaway, yesterday's ruling further undermines her reputation and also that of the CPS.

It follows two cases last week in which she agreed to reconsider decisions not to prosecute police officers involved in incidents in which people had died in custody.

A spokeswoman for Dame Barbara that said she had not been involved in the decision concerning Mr Treadaway and that she could not look at everyone of the 11,000 decisions a year taken by the CPS's central London division.

British fishermen angry over ruling

By Michael Hornsby, Agriculture Correspondent

SPANISH trawler owners are entitled to claim compensation for the multimillion-pound losses they claim they suffered while illegally excluded from British fishing waters, the High Court ruled yesterday.

British trawlermen, who say the Spanish are being rewarded for stealing British fish, responded angrily to the judgement, which could cost taxpayers more than £50 million in damages.

All the Spanish claimants employ "quota-hopping", which allows foreigners to buy British fishing licences and register their boats here, so gaining the right to catch fish allocated by the European Union to the British fleet. Their claims refer to a period of nearly two years, between 1989 and 1991, when about 150 vessels owned or managed by Spanish companies were taken off the register under the 1988 Merchant Shipping Act.

The Act requires that 75 per cent of the owners and crews of British-registered vessels must be domiciled in Britain, but that was over-ruled in 1990 by the European Court of Justice.

Lord Justice Hobhouse, sitting with Mr Justice Collins and Mr Justice Moses, ruled that the breach of EU law by Britain was "sufficiently serious to give rise to liability for any damage that may subsequently be shown to have been caused to the applicants". But the judges rejected a claim for punitive damages and cleared the previous Government of acting in bad faith.

Ninety-seven Spanish owners and managers of 107 vessels estimate that each of their boats lost between £350,000 and £500,000 by being prevented from trawling in UK waters. Each of the applicants will now have to submit an individual claim to a judge or an official referee and show that the damage was in fact caused, a procedure likely to take many months.

Lord Falconer, the Solicitor-General, told the court that the Government was considering an appeal against the judgement.

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"Next year I'm going to choose our holiday reading"

Legal move on Aids infection

The Government is considering making it an offence intentionally to infect another person with a disease, Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, said in a Commons written answer.

The announcement came on the day that Paul Georgiou was jailed by a Cypriot court for 15 months for knowingly infecting his British lover Janette Pink with the Aids virus ....Page 9

Property sale

The Department of Social Security is to sell its property portfolio, worth £400 million, to Partnership Property Management, a consortium led by Goldman Sachs, the US investment bank. It will be the UK's largest single real estate transaction ....Page 21

Drug bans eased

Linford Christie condemned a decision by the International Amateur Athletic Federation to reduce bans on athletes found guilty of drug taking from four to two years. He said it would only increase drug-taking ....Pages 38, 40

Titanic explorer finds graveyard of treasures

By Tom Rhodes and Nick Nuttall

THE explorer who found the wreck of the *Titanic* has used an underwater robot and a once-secret nuclear submarine to prowl the depths of the Mediterranean, discovering the greatest concentration of ancient shipwrecks.

Robert Ballard, whose detection of the ocean liner and the German battleship *Bismarck* have earned him a reputation as the Indiana Jones of underwater exploration, was joined by two British archaeologists in his latest venture, a project that will make recoverable almost every object ever sunk.

During a six-week expedition in May to the Mediterreanean trading route that linked ancient Rome with Carthage, Mr Ballard and his team of researchers found eight ships and thousands of pristine artefacts spanning more than 2,000 years. The area, northwest of Sicily, endures unpredictable storms and violent seas and is described as being similar to the infamous Bermuda Triangle, the site of numerous wrecked and lost vessels.

Until now, no big shipwreck has been discovered below 200 feet. But the modern technology employed by the Ballard expedition can extend to depths of 20,000ft, enough to reach 98 per cent of all ocean floors. "I'm convinced that the deep sea holds a vast amount of human history, more than is held in all of the museums of the world," Mr Ballard told the National Geographic Society in Washington.

Among those who took part in the exploration were Jonathan Adams of the Centre for Marine Archeology at the University of Southampton and Cathy Giangrande, a conservationist at University College London. Equipped with *NR-1*, a US Navy nuclear submarine, *Carolyn Chouest*, a support ship, and *Jason*, an unmanned submersible vessel, the team found five Roman ships from 200 BC to AD 400, an Islamic fishing vessel from the 17th or 18th century and two ships from the 19th century.

The oldest craft, 100ft long and carrying two lead anchors, was one of the earliest Roman wrecks found. Her holds were filled with fine bronze vessels and at least eight different types of amphorae, the clay containers used to transport wine, olive oil, fish sauce and preserved fruit. Another Roman galley carried a cargo of granite building stones and monolithic columns apparently ready for assembly into a temple.

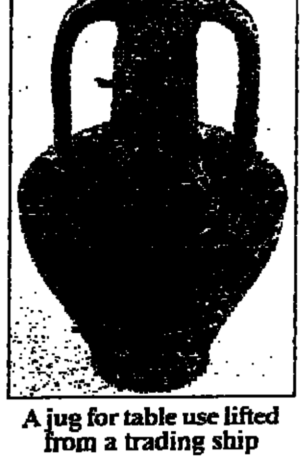
Mr Ballard, of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Massachusetts, and president of the newly founded Institute for Exploration in Mystic, Connecticut, said the group of scientists had been amazed by their finds which at first they had thought had all been sunk at the same time.

"At one point the submarine was finding a Roman ship every other day. We had to tell them to stop," he said. "All of a sudden we realised we had found a graveyard of ships spanning 2,000 years."

After the submarine had located a wreck, the support ship maintained its position above while *Jason* was dispatched with its radar and cameras. Its scanning sonar was used to build a three-dimensional map of the wreck site before, on autopilot, it moved at an inch a second photographing the wreckage and artefacts. Finally the pilots at the surface manoeuvred its robotic arm to recover only those pieces necessary for dating the wrecks.

"Removing artefacts in essence destroys the site," Mr Ballard said. "In future we can have in situ deep ocean museums that we can visit electronically."

Along the route, which he had predicted would be littered with shipwrecks, the submarine found a 20-square mile area strewn with debris. By comparison, the *Titanic* and *Bismarck* were found with fragments spread over only half a mile. This not merely suggested heavy traffic along the trading route used by Romans and Phoenicians, but also heralded the prospect of hundreds more shipwrecks off Greece and Egypt.



A jug for table use lifted from a trading ship

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GET AWAY FROM IT ALL WITH THIS WEEK'S SUMMER SCHOOL

Today's issue includes:

- Seven steps to scripting a soap opera
- The thrill of a day return to Geneva
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SCHOOL'S OUT AND SO IS THE TES - EVERY FRIDAY

Leftwinger laughing through his teeth

MATTHEW PARRIS

POLITICAL SKETCH

This newspaper can categorically refute rumours rife at Westminster that Ronnie Campbell's teeth came out during his question on beer to industry ministers yesterday afternoon. It just looked like that.

In fact the Labour member for Blyth Valley was making a little joke. This likeable Geordie and former French polisher, described in Roth's *Parliamentary Profiles* as "unsophisticated, extrovert, fundamentalist left-wing local councillor-miner", is quoted as saying, "I am a radical and a fighter; just an ordinary leftwinger". A one-time supporter of Arthur Scargill, Campbell is pictured with "chubby face, reddened when he shouts (often)". But none of this quite does justice to a noisy but good-natured and funny man, who lacks the sourness often associated with the Left.

The humour came through yesterday. His question answered — what action was Margaret Beckett taking "to ensure that beer drinkers receive full liquid pints in public houses?" — he put a supplementary. New Labour, he told Madam Speaker, was, of course, "not against profit". But Campbell is about as new Labour as beer and skittles. He paused, then stuck his considerable fist into his even more considerable mouth.

That is what gave reporters the idea that Mr Campbell's teeth had come out, a rumour that fast gained currency and was by sundown being recounted as fact.

But his teeth stayed in. Had he lost them he would not have been the first. Years ago, Anthony Beaumont-Dark, at that time the Tory MP for Birmingham Selly Oak, and now much missed at Westminster, was in mid-oration when — during a particularly emphatic denunciation of the Labour Party — his flying teeth lent his words an emphasis even Sir Anthony had not intended. With amazing skill (perhaps born of long practice?) the senior backbencher caught the teeth before they hit the carpet.

The near-disaster was captured on video and replayed in slow motion (with a white circle around the teeth) on *A Week in Politics*, which received a stiff complaint from the Commons authorities for misusing parliamentary video footage. The service is not for use in undermining the dignity of honourable members. Heaven forbid that this sketch should try to do that! So, as the Commons rises for a near three-month summer recess, it is with affectionate respect that we bring you a final update on the amazing Norman Baker, Liberal Democrat MP for Lewes. This sketch, announcing that "a bore is born", noticed some time ago what a broad range of domestic and world affairs Mr Baker held opinions on, and how often he offered them in the Chamber.

I was acting on a hunch, after Baker's energetic 24 interventions during the Plant Varieties Bill. Political science can now back hunch with evidence. Research shows that, in the 55 days for which this new Parliament has sat, Mr Lewis has put down exactly 300 questions, 284 of which have received a written answer, 16 having been answered on the floor of the House.

The official estimate for the cost to the public purse of answering a written question is £107. Oral questions are a snip at £249 each. A written answer yesterday from the Prime Minister to Jim Cunningham (Lab, Coventry S) suggests that the cost of Mr Baker, so far — exclusive of salary and expenses — is £30,000. That is conservative. Some of Baker's questions have been missed, and the figure rounded down.

We wish Mr Baker a happy holiday and — may we dare hope? — a little rest. For the next session we award him an ancient post in our unwritten constitution: Gold Anorak-in-Waiting.

Blair sets tough code of conduct for ministers

Downing Street has tightened its control of Government in an effort to avoid 'sleaze', reports **Valerie Elliott**

TONY BLAIR yesterday published a tougher "catch-all" code of conduct for ministers in an effort to clean up politics, restore public trust and enshrine the primacy of No 10.

The iron grip that Mr Blair is wielding in Whitehall is confirmed officially in the guidance, which sets out stricter rules on financial interests to avoid "sleaze".

Downing Street must approve all speeches, press releases and new initiatives, and their timing and presentation. Also, every interview and media appearance must be agreed with the No 10 press office.

Ministers may even have to write up the conversation of their lunches with journalists as every department has been instructed to keep a log of all media contacts. Mr Blair has also insisted on approving which duties are assigned to junior ministers.

The Prime Minister has made clear that any minister who misleads Parliament must resign. In a foreword to the guidelines, last published in 1992, Mr Blair says: "In issuing this code, I should like to reaffirm my strong personal commitment to restoring the bond of trust between the British people and their Government. We are all here to serve and we must all serve honestly and in the interests of those who gave us our positions of trust."

Among other "dos and don'ts", ministers must not personally benefit from Air Miles accumulated in connection with official travel. However, the benefits may be used for official purposes or a minister may donate them to a charity named by the airline.

Ministers can now keep gifts up to the value of £140 — up from the previous maximum of £125 in line with inflation — but must inform their department's Permanent Secretary. Otherwise, no minister or civil servant, or member of their family, can receive gifts, hospitality or services that may place them under an obligation.

No minister may sue for libel or launch any other legal action without first consulting the Government's law officers.

The code was implemented from the first day of the Labour Government, and Downing Street sources last night said that it would change nothing in relation to any minister, including Lord Simon of Highbury who has attracted controversy over his BP shareholding.

The code states implacably that ministers "must scrupulously avoid any danger of an actual or apparent conflict of interest between their ministerial position and their private financial interest".

In cases where ministers are brought into Government from industry, a profession or some other walk of life, the code says: "In order to avoid the danger of an actual or perceived conflict of interest, ministers should be guided in relation to their financial interest by the general principle that they should dispose of any financial interest giving rise to the actual or perceived conflict or take steps to prevent it."

The code suggests ministers may take advice from their Permanent Secretary over "actual or perceived conflict" of interest, but adds: "It is in the end for ministers to judge (subject to the Prime Minister's decision in cases of doubt) what action they need to take."

The code makes explicit that ministers and their staff are expected to preserve the privacy of Cabinet business, including opinions expressed in Cabinet and ministerial committees and documents.

Parliamentary private secretaries, MPs on the first rung of the ladder who act as the eyes and ears of ministers, are instructed for the first time to ensure that they have no conflict of interests.

A Downing Street spokesman last night conceded that the code would make life harder for ministers, but denied that it represented stronger central control: "It is the central, strategic discipline we operated in Opposition as translated to the Government. There must be proper strategic co-ordination of the Government's key mechanisms."

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Simon speaks out

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over the last few days nobody has ever suggested that I have taken any decision which specifically benefited BP."

The job given to him was to help British industry compete more effectively. If he was doing his job well he would benefit BP as well as any other company in Britain. "I make no apology for that. But attempts to claim that such generic decisions represent a conflict of interest border on the absurd. It is the equivalent of saying that the social security ministers should stop trying to modernise the welfare state if they are in a pension scheme."

He also rejects the claim that he was avoiding tax because some of his shares were held in a Jersey trust. That was also untrue because BP held shares perfectly legally in a Jersey trust relating to its long-term performance plan. Individuals paid tax on the shares as soon as they were awarded. He had paid full income tax on all the shares held in the trust.

Lord Simon writes: "I understand the Opposition and the media have a duty to ensure that the high standards in public life to which this Government is committed are being maintained. But the facts in my case do not support their charges and innuendoes."

The Times also learnt last night that the minister will receive a further tranche of BP shares in the Jersey offshore trust. The payout next year could exceed £300,000.

Mr Redwood accused the minister of missing a golden opportunity to sell the shares the day he assumed office, which was 48 hours after the company published its last quarterly figures. He said a further opportunity would be offered next week when the latest figures were listed.

Mr Redwood said: "I am surprised by the suggestion that there could be a problem with insider dealing. It is normal practice for directors and former directors to sell immediately after results are posted. Lord Simon should have sold on May 8, the day he took up his post, exactly two days after the figures were announced. It would have avoided the suggestion of a conflict of interest."

He repeated his demand that Lord Simon should dispose of the shares, surrender his rights over the Jersey trust, or stand down as a minister. "They have to go," he said.

Mark Dawson and son Alexander. He wanted child to continue family name

Mother wins battle to decide baby's surname

BY EMMA WILKINS

A WOMAN yesterday won the right to give her illegitimate child her own surname despite the objections of the father.

The Court of Appeal ruled in favour of Dawn Wearmouth, who registered her baby as Alexander Wearmouth and rejected the plea by her former boyfriend, Mark Dawson, that the child should bear his name. The ruling overturned a decision by Taunton County Court that it was in Alexander's "best interests" to bear his father's name.

Dawn Wearmouth: won right in Appeal Court

Mrs Wearmouth, 35, from Taunton, Somerset, kept her married name after she divorced in 1993. Her relationship with Mr Dawson ended in April last year when Alexander, now aged 16 months, was less than a month old.

Mr Dawson argued that, although Alexander lived with his mother, he should take his name rather than that of a man to whom he was not related.

Lord Justice Hirt and Lord Justice Thorpe said using the mother's name was a natural and logical choice which could not be criticised simply because it was also her ex-husband's. "These circumstances, coupled with the all-important fact already stresses that this was the child's duly registered name, seem to us to be very powerful factors in the mother's favour, which can only be displaced by strong countervailing considerations," they said.

Roger Hayward-Smith, QC, for Mrs Wearmouth, said the lower court's ruling meant that mothers of illegitimate children could be compelled to change their names to whatever their fathers wanted. Catriona Duthie, for Mr Dawson, had argued that "common sense" dictated that the surname of a child should be determined by its relationship with the biological father and not the mother's ex-husband.

Mrs Wearmouth said after the judgement: "I am extremely pleased with the outcome. I am delighted that there has been a result after 15 months of going to court, which has been very stressful.

"Both Mark Dawson and I can now concentrate on the primary concern which we both have which is the welfare of our child. His name is important but it is by no means the most important part of his life. All he is thinking about is his precious family name."

Mr Dawson, 34, a quality control manager, said he might take his legal battle to the House of Lords. "I am upset and extremely disappointed by the decision. Alex would have been the only child to carry my family name into the next generation. I am an only son and I come from a long line of only sons. My parents are very disappointed. We take a great deal of pride in the family."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Britons back Labour on economic policy

Gordon Brown, his Budget and the Government's economic policy have received overwhelming endorsement from the public in the latest MORI poll for *The Times* (Peter Riddell writes). More people believe the Budget will be good for the country as a whole than after any previous Budget for 20 years.

The poll, undertaken last weekend, indicates that 56 per cent think the Budget will be good for the country as a whole, and 20 per cent think it will be bad. However, 29 per cent think it will be good for them personally, while 37 per cent think it will be bad. A record 57 per cent think that, in the long term, this Government's policies will improve the state of Britain's economy, while 24 per cent disagree.

Rail dispute on guards

The rail union RMT is to ballot 6,000 members at 20 train companies over industrial action in a dispute to protect the operating and safety roles of guards. Its general secretary, Jimmy Knapp, said that the Great Eastern Railway had managed to reduce the job to a few hours' training with its controversial plan to recruit commuters as part-time guards and that many firms had failed to give the level of assurance that the union was seeking.

Aberfan fund repaid

The Government agreed to repay £150,000 taken from the Aberfan Disaster Fund 30 years ago. The Wilson Government decided that the fund, set up after a waste tip at the Merthyr Vale Colliery collapsed, killing 116 children and 28 adults in 1966, should pay for removing the two remaining tips. Villagers have long campaigned for the return of the money, which was announced in a Commons written reply from Ron Davies, the Welsh Secretary.

Inquest challenge fails

A High Court appeal to reopen the inquest into the death of the Brixton burglary suspect Wayne Douglas failed yesterday. His family challenged the directions to the jury of Sir Montague Levine, the South London Coroner, after which a verdict of accidental death was returned. Mr Justice Laws ruled that, although Sir Montague, who has since retired, had not properly directed the jury, it would still have reached the same verdict.

Tests for drug-drivers

The first survey of drug-driving in Britain is to be launched today by Strathclyde Police to find ways of improving roadside detection. Drivers will be stopped and asked questions and to perform writing, physical and memory exercises. No charges will be pressed. The survey is part of a programme involving two Strathclyde officers who were awarded £7,700 from the Home Office for research into improving training on drug-symptom recognition.

£300,000 libel award

A former Irish Minister was awarded £300,000 yesterday in a libel case against the *Sunday Independent*. It is the largest libel award ever granted in Ireland. The jury found that in 1992, Eamon Dunphy, a columnist, had accused Proinsias De Rossa, a former member of the IRA, of involvement in or toleration of serious crime. They also found that he had alleged that Mr De Rossa supported anti-Semitism and violent communist oppression.

Footballer on sex charge

The Bradford City footballer Peter Beagrie appeared before magistrates on Jersey yesterday charged with three offences of indecent assault, allegedly committed while he was a Manchester City player. The 31-year-old winger also faced charges of common assault and of being disorderly. Mr Beagrie denied all the charges, which are alleged to have happened in the early hours of February 25 in two bars on the island. The trial continues.

Deposit safe from pygmy

Speculation that the body of a pygmy was the cause of an unpleasant smell emanating from a bank safe deposit box was scotched yesterday. Staff at the NatWest branch in the City of London noticed the smell after a flood in May. However, a spokesman said they had been in touch with the owner who had assured them "there is no kind of dead body down there". She declined to disclose the identity of the owner, or the contents of the box.

Road protesters lose

Anti-road campaigners have failed in their final attempt at the Court of Appeal to stop the "missing link" in the Avon ring road being built. The case has cost the taxpayer tens of thousands of pounds. Andrew Nicolson and Barry McNeeney, who received legal aid, claimed that the multimillion-pound project would cost more in human and economic terms than it would bring in benefits to the people of Bristol.

R-reg car rush begins

New cars will leave showrooms at the rate of 30 a minute today as the motor industry cashes in on what could be its last August sales bonanza. The Government is expected within weeks to end the system which changes the prefix letter on number plates and opt for a twice-yearly change, in March and September. Sales of R-registration cars this month could reach 490,000, the second highest monthly total on record.

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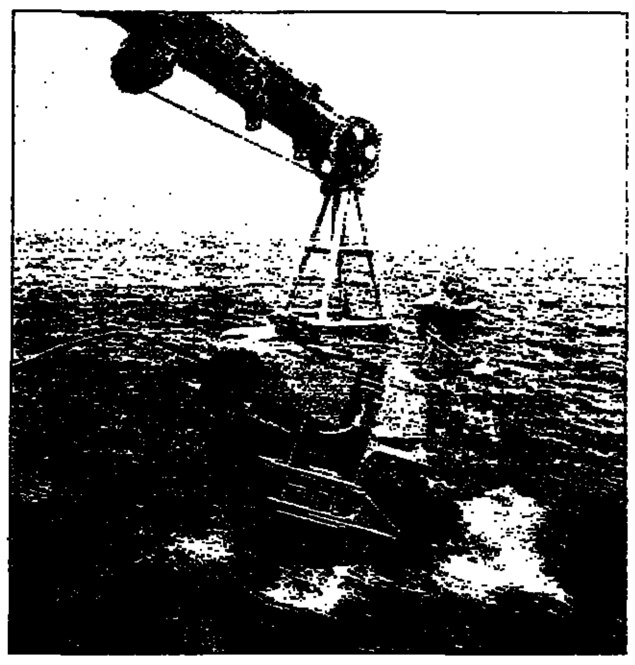
Hi-tech method enabled team to pinpoint hidden wrecks

Nick Nuttall and **Tom Rhodes** on a revolutionary approach to underwater exploration in Mediterranean

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC/ROY RILEY

Robert Ballard directs the movements of *Jason*, the submersible robot which found the ancient shipwrecks. Jonathan Adams is seen with his hands on his chin. *Below, Jason being lowered into the ocean, and some of the 2,000-year-old jugs it found from a former trading ship*



THE British marine archaeologist Jonathan Adams said yesterday that the discoveries in the Mediterranean outlined by Robert Ballard represented the second great leap forward in the field.

"We have not seen this since the early days of scuba diving in the late 1950s when hundreds of wrecks were found in shallow waters in the Mediterranean."

Mr Adams, from the Centre for Marine Archaeology at the University of Southampton, said the difference between the wrecks discovered by the Ballard team in June and the shallow-water wrecks found over 40 years ago was the condition.

"The shallow-water ones are often broken up by currents and human interference, but these have not been interfered with by any natural or human agency since the day they went down," Mr Adams said.

"For example we can see how the ships are laid out."

The greater the depths, according to experts, the better the preservation of discovered artefacts. Although wooden decks, rigging and upper hulls of the five Roman ships which were found had been destroyed, the timbers buried in the mud were well preserved and the cargoes appeared almost undisturbed.

Mr Adams said he had been astonished at the dexterity of the remotely operated submersible, *Jason*, which been demonstrated around the Islamic merchant ship. "Around that were some rather nice ceramics including extremely fragile glass artefacts which look like little mosque lamps.

"*Jason* was able to pick these up without breaking them. I could not believe it. I would not have trusted a diver to pick them up by hand let alone a robot," the researcher said.

He said yesterday that the academic community had "thrown down the gauntlet to the treasure hunters". Until now most deep-water excavations have been carried out by private treasure hunters who, in many cases, have plundered wrecks and ruined their historical interest.

"The treasure hunters, whose interests are completely different from ours, have stated time and again that they are the only people who can deal with these deep water sites which are often in international waters and beyond national governments' control.

"The treasure hunters have said only that they have the expertise and the money," the researcher, who 20 years ago worked on the excavation and recovery of Henry VIII's flagship, the *Mary Rose*, said.

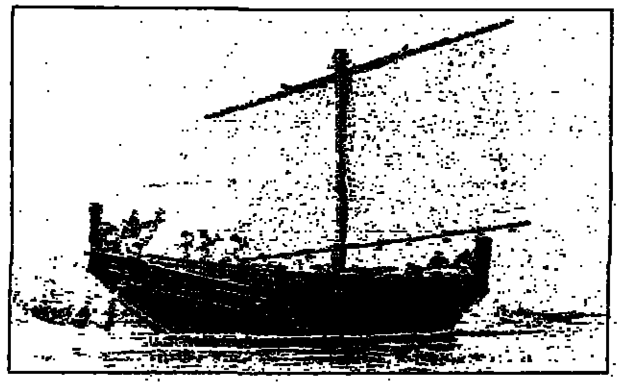
"But we have demonstrated that this is not true. We had four archaeologists, two conservators and six computer scientists and engineers. We have shown that the academic community can do this and can do it bigger and better than the hunters," he added.

He said that instead of priceless artefacts going to the highest bidder, often a private collector, the ones found by the team were destined for a "publicly accessible collection".

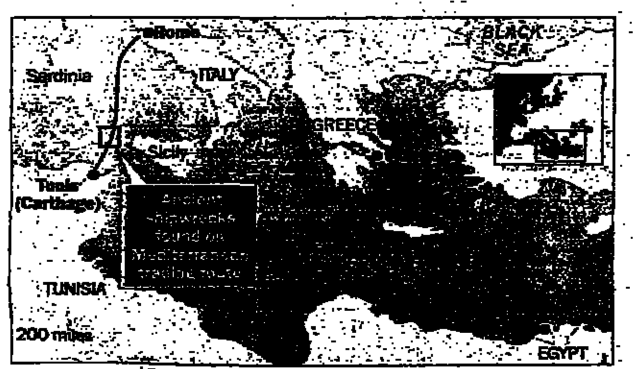
The latest finds come after a spate of underwater exploration, which has revealed Blackbeard's ship off North Carolina, Benedict Arnold's gunboats in Lake Champlain and the *I-52*, a still unrecovered Japanese cargo submarine which sank in the South Atlantic while carrying $21 million to Hitler's Third Reich late in the Second World War.

Since the end of the Cold War, previously secret subocean technology has emerged for civilian use. Once classified satellite global positioning systems, computer-enhanced sonar imagery and improved fibre-optic cables, have all been made available to explorers of the deep.

With every new method at his disposal, Mr Ballard says he is now heading for the Black Sea before a trip to the Pacific graveyards of the Battle of Midway, the turning point of the Second World War.



A Phoenician trading vessel. The team's finds were on a major trading route from Rome to Carthage



French demand return of historic ship

From Tunku Varadarajan in New York

THE French Government has laid claim to a 17th-century shipwreck salvaged at great public expense by the state of Texas.

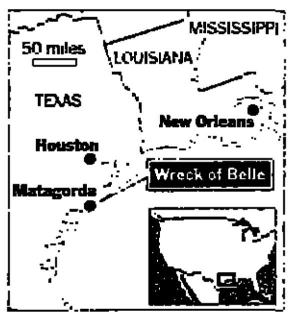
France claims that, since *La Belle* was the property of the King when it sank in Matagorda Bay, off Texas, in 1686, it is still French. Its embassy in Washington has written to George W. Bush, the state's Governor, stating that Paris intends to assert its "rightful" legal title to the wreck.

La Belle was captained by Robert Cavalier, Sieur de La Salle, the aristocrat who claimed Louisiana for France. It was recovered in 1995 by the Texan administration at a cost of $5.5 million (£3.5 million).

The French claim is without precedent. Scores of galleons, mainly Spanish, have been recovered this century, yet no claim has been made by a modern Spanish Government to legal ownership of either a wreck or its booty. The British and the Dutch have always let control over "their" wrecks rest with the jurisdictions in which they have been found.

Laurent Mellier, the press attaché at the French Consulate in Houston, said: "I would just say that it was the property of France when the boat sank in Texas and, historically, it has belonged to France. *La Belle* was the property of the King when La Salle was in Texas ... It was just lent to him."

Texas, which has invested as much emotion as money into the recovery of the wreck, is certain to put up a fight. The administration's position is that Louis XIV — a monarch of extravagant gesture — gave the ship to La Salle and, since it was wrecked in Texan waters and La Salle has no descendants who can assert ownership, the wreck belongs to Texas.



Jim Bruseth, who headed the recovery project for the Texas Historical Commission, said: "We went out and found this ship. We went out and raised the money to excavate it and we're not going to say easily or lightly it's not ours any more."

La Belle has been described by marine archaeologists as a striking find. The hulk lacks glamour and carries no gold, but materials on board have shed light on the nature of early French forays into the New World. Particularly intriguing is a cache of nearly a million glass beads, for use in trade with the Indians.

Also on board was the *skeleton of a man now referred* to as Dead Bob. Because the wreck was covered in silt, Dead Bob is in perfect condition, with a large portion of brain intact inside the skull.

Talented dancer, 10, drowns on school trip

By Russell Jenkins

A TEN-YEAR-OLD girl died yesterday after getting into difficulties while swimming on a school trip to the North Welsh coast. Laura Zielinski from Tividale, in the West Midlands, was bathing with school friends in choppy water off Shell Island in Caernarfonshire and Merionethshire.

A teacher pulled her unconscious from the sea and she was given artificial respiration on the beach. Attempts to resuscitate her continued as she was airlifted by RAF helicopter to Bangor Hospital. Paediatricians made a final attempt to save her life after she was transferred overnight to the intensive care unit at Alder Hey Children's Hospital in Liverpool. Her parents, Lynne and Patrick Zielinksi, were at the bedside when the child's life support machine was switched off.

Laura was one of 34 children on the holiday activity trip from Christchurch junior school in Oldbury, West Midlands. The children had been in North Wales since Sunday.

Mrs Zielinski, 42, said last night that her daughter, who was talented at Latin American ballroom dancing, telephoned home on Monday night full of excitement about her day on the beach and in the water. She said: "She was so beautiful, so talented. She died in my arms as I was cradling her. She wanted to be a dancer when she grew up. She danced for England at the Tower Ballroom in Blackpool at Easter. It was the British Open, which is the entry competition to the world championships and she was in the top 24 in the world."

Bill Thomas, chairman of education at Sandwell Borough Council, said he was satisfied that the swimming party was being properly supervised. He said there were seven staff members from the primary school, including Dave Derricott, the head teacher, looking after the children.

Mr Thomas said: "We are very distressed by the incident. From our initial inquiries we are satisfied that the swimming session was properly staffed and supervised. Mr Derricott is extremely experienced in taking parties of young people away and has been organising this type of trip for years. He will be very, very upset."

Laura Zielinsky: in top 24

Dons back museum plan in face of official opposition

By David Charter
Education Correspondent

CAMBRIDGE dons voted five to one yesterday to approve plans for a "concrete box" extension to the historic façade of the Fitzwilliam Museum.

However, English Heritage has written to the Fitzwilliam, saying that its historical buildings and areas advisory committee cannot approve the plans, which puts the project in renewed jeopardy.

Senior members of the university voted by 1,021 to 202 in favour of the plans to alter the design of architect George Basevi, widely acknowledged as the finest classical museum in Britain after the British Museum. The project has met fierce opposition from neighbouring Peterhouse College, where academics do not relish the prospect of a "concrete box" on their horizon.

Sir John Meurig Thomas, Master of Peterhouse, said: "Even though we have lost this battle, we can still win the war. The university council have said they will accept the proposals, conditional not only upon the necessary fundraising but also on approval by English Heritage and the requisite planning authorities."

Duncan Robinson, the museum's director, said: "The vote means the university can now proceed to submit a planning application. It is true that English Heritage have not blessed the plans and we realise that, as with any project, you gain some support and you encounter some criticism."

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Free care for elderly with £10,000 savings

Joanna Bale on a test-case ruling against a council which said it could not afford help for a woman of 87

LOCAL authorities must pay for all the costs of elderly people in their care whose capital has fallen below £10,000, the Master of the Rolls, Lord Woolf, ruled yesterday. The decision was a victory for the charities Help the Aged and Age Concern, which brought a test case to the Court of Appeal.

The court heard that Sefton Council on Merseyside had made 87-year-old woman Charlotte Blanchard pay for her own nursing home care until her savings dropped below £1,500 — the cost of a funeral. Lord Woolf and two other appeal judges overturned a High Court decision which had allowed the authority to avoid paying for residential or nursing care for the elderly because of its limited resources.

Tessa Harding, a spokeswoman for Help the Aged, said: "This is a huge victory for older people throughout the country. Help the Aged believes it makes local authorities' responsibilities crystal clear and will stop other councils being tempted to follow Sefton."

The decision has implications for the 170,000 elderly in council-run homes throughout the country. A spokesman for Age Concern said that there were 60 similar cases in Sefton alone.

The council will now repay Mrs Blanchard the £8,500 she had spent on her care from her own savings. Last night at Warren Park nursing Home in Crosby, she said: "There should be something to help you when your money is getting low, otherwise what have you got? Nothing. I am pleased about the ruling because it will help everybody who is in the same position as I am."

Lord Woolf, in his ruling, said that both sides in the action acknowledged it was a test case "of considerable significance for both elderly members of the community and local authorities". In the November Budget of 1995, the Government announced that when individuals' capital fell below £10,000, local authorities were legally obliged to step in and pay for a person's care in a residential or nursing home. When capital was between £10,000 and £16,000, the authority paid part of the care.

Sandra Chalmers of Help the Aged, said: "What Mrs Blanchard has achieved is that thousands of others in residential or nursing homes and in a similar position to hers will not have to make payments. If their assets fall below £16,000, they will only have to pay a proportion of the cost of their care, and if they fall below £10,000 they will not have to pay anything. It is a very reassuring judgment for those going into care. People will have the reassurance that they will be able to hang on to the last £10,000 of their savings."

Sally Greengross, director of Age Concern, welcomed the decision but said there were still problems that needed facing: "This judgment will offer some reassurance to families where local authorities were considering using Sefton to refuse payment for people in nursing homes. But there are still outstanding problems: cash-strapped local authorities could still find other ways of rationing.

"This judgment does nothing for people waiting to go into care from their own homes or hospitals. The Government must face up to the nation's responsibility to ensure that its citizens receive the care that they need at the end of their lives." Help the Aged is calling for an urgent Government review of community care funding to stop elderly people being forced to wait weeks or months for help because authorities do not have the money.

Former judge to lead inquiry into race murder

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Correspondent

AN INQUIRY led by a former High Court judge will investigate the role of police and lawyers in the Stephen Lawrence murder case, Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, announced yesterday.

The four-strong investigation team will be chaired by Sir William Macpherson of Cluny and will have similar powers to the wide-ranging inquiry by Lord Scarman into the Brixton riots in 1981. The inquiry will be able to subpoena witnesses and documents. Witnesses will be on oath and the inquiry could also fine or imprison anyone who refuses to co-operate.

The inquiry could question five white youths from south London who refused to give evidence to a inquest on the death earlier this year. Sir William will also have to decide whether hearings are carried out in public.

Sir William was appointed a judge in 1983 and has dealt with many judicial review cases. He is also 27th chief of the Macpherson clan and a former lieutenant-colonel of a territorial regiment of the SAS.

The other members of the inquiry team include the Rt Rev John Sentamu, the Bishop of Stepney; Tom Cook, former deputy chief constable of West Yorkshire and a police expert on race relations, and Dr Richard Stone, chairman of the Jewish Council for Racial Equality.

The inquiry follows Mr Straw's promise to Stephen Lawrence's family earlier this year that he would take action over the case. The 18-year-old student was stabbed to death at a bus stop in Eltham, south London, in a race attack, in April 1993. No one has ever been convicted for the attack, which brought criticism of police ineptitude and inactivity by the Crown Prosecution Service.

Yesterday Mr Straw told the Commons that the inquiry would look at matters arising from the death "particularly to identify the lessons to be learnt for the investigation and prosecution of racially motivated crimes".

It will begin work this autumn after the Police Complaints Authority has completed its report in October on complaints made by the Lawrence family against the Metropolitan Police.

The report by the Police Complaints Authority will be published.

Mr Straw told MPs: "I believe the establishment of this inquiry ... will allow the concerns of the Lawrence family and others to be fully addressed and will identify the lessons to be learnt from this tragic case which will be relevant to the future handling of racially-motivated crimes by the criminal justice system."

After the announcement of the inquiry, Neville Lawrence, father of the dead boy, told a press conference that the family were "happy with what we have got today. I am grateful to the Home Secretary for listening to what we have said and granting our wishes. I would like to see some of the people who killed my son behind bars."

Imran Khan, solicitor for the family, said Sir William was a well-respected judge. He said ideally he and the family would have wanted a judge who had some empathy with the black community because they could understand racism. But Mr Khan said he was not aware of any black High Court judges. A number of names had been put forward by the Lawrence family to the Home Office but Mr Straw told the family that despite his efforts it had not been possible to get any of them to serve.

SIMON WALKER

Neville Lawrence, father of the murdered Stephen Lawrence, yesterday

MPs in a state over missed reading

By Polly Newton

IT WAS one of the most unlikely bestsellers of 1995. *The State We're In*, an analysis by Will Hutton of economic and social issues affecting Britain, became the book to be seen with for anyone on the Left. Now, it seems, its success has spawned a whole new class of people in politics: those who feel guilty that they have not read it.

In a survey by Dillons of MPs' reading habits, *The State We're In* was named by more respondents than any other book when asked: "What's the book all your friends have been urging you to read but you haven't got round to yet?" Second in the "guilt" category was *Sophie's World*, a novel that tackles questions of philosophy in a style aimed ostensibly at children. Third was *Wild Swans*, a biographical (and very long) account of the lives of three Chinese women. Jeffrey Archer was the most overrated author, with runners-up including Salman Rushdie and Barbara Cartland. Joint winners in the best living author category were Margaret Atwood, Umberto Eco and Doris Lessing.

Queen to travel in leased helicopter

By Michael Evans

THE Queen and members of the Royal Family are to be given exclusive use of a leased helicopter as part of their travel arrangements to replace the two ageing RAF Wessex aircraft which are being taken out of service.

The most suitable helicopters for hire at present are all foreign — mostly American and French — and the most exclusive can be tailor-made to suit the customer. Wealthy Arabs have been known to ask for leather upholstery.

The lease of the royal helicopter will be paid for out of the newly formed royal travel budget, a block grant supplied by the Department of Transport for all the royal household's transport. It was set at £19.5 million for 1997-98.

The red Wessex helicopters, part of No 32 (The Royal) Squadron, based at RAF Northolt in west London, had been available for the use of other VIPs, such as Cabinet ministers. However, they were mostly used by the Royal Family. The annual cost of running the two helicopters is £3.5 million. Under the new arrangement, substantial savings are expected.

The Ministry of Defence is expected to seek bids from helicopter operators. The RAF will still fly the new aircraft, which will be registered as a military aircraft. The salary of the crew will also be paid out of the royal travel budget.

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The Avebury Four lose all their appeal

Michael Hornsby on a gang which may be going away for a long time

No more flying visits: villagers in historic Avebury may banish the birds, despite their popular appeal

SIR LUDOVIC KENNEDY has been driven to reconsider his opposition to the death penalty by the anti-social conduct of four intruders in his Wiltshire garden. The offenders have even tempted the veteran campaigner against injustice to reach for a shotgun himself.

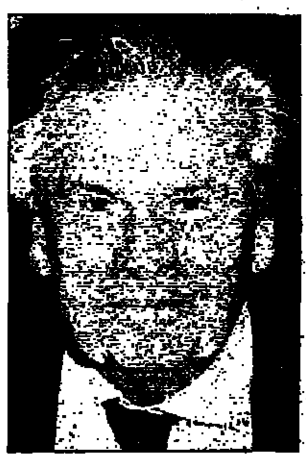
They are four peacocks who are popular among tourists visiting the historic village of Avebury but who have lost all their appeal among residents. The Avebury Four's crimes include destroying flower beds, pecking holes in cottage roofs and desecrating the cemetery. The parish council is now considering a sentence of banishment.

"The peacocks are a damned nuisance," Sir Ludovic, 78, said yesterday. "They come into the garden and eat our flowers and wild strawberries.

"There have been times when I felt like shooting them all, though of course one would never do such a thing."

Only yesterday morning, Sir Ludovic said, his wife, the former ballerina Moira Shearer, had to shoo three of the birds away. "We like to leave our gate open, but that means the peacocks can easily come in. In any case, they can fly over the gate because their wings have not been clipped."

The birds live at the 16th-century Avebury Manor, which is owned by the National Trust. Its area manager, David Riddle, said: "Clipping their wings would not stop them wandering off, but it would stop them roosting in trees where they can keep out of the way of foxes. They have always lived free and cannot be housed."



Sir Ludovic: he felt like shooting them

The Trust says that it is very reluctant to remove the peacocks, but it has written to the parish council to say that it would be prepared to consider such a remedy "if the problems experienced have become intolerable".

That seems to be the case. Peggy Blake, the churchwarden, said: "The peacocks are undoubtedly beautiful birds, and the tourists like them, but they have become a nuisance. They pull the thatch out of cottage roofs and take flowers laid on gravestones."

Sir Ludovic's neighbour, Lady Julia Beale, said: "They are a terrible nuisance."

Gavin Topham, manager of Stones Restaurant in the village, added: "They are not very welcome here. We have a few flowerpots that stand just outside the restaurant and it got to the stage where the birds would devour the flowers almost straight after we'd planted them.

"We seem to have solved the problem now. We began running out and flapping our arms, shouting and chasing them off as soon as we spotted them re-appearing outside. The guests were sometimes a bit startled by this."

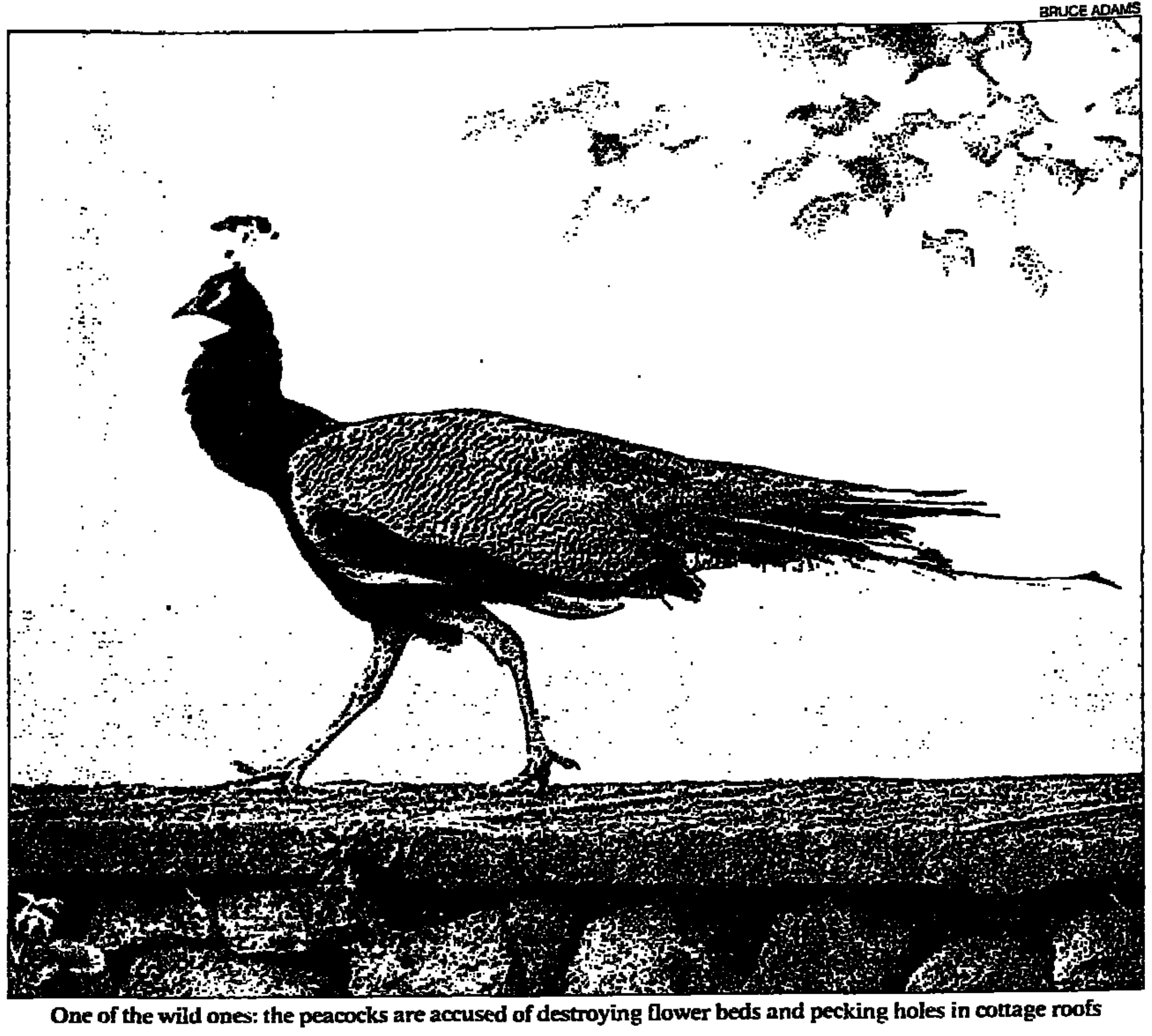
Avebury has a population of just 630, but attracts thousands of visitors a year to its prehistoric stone circles, which rival Stonehenge in archaeological importance. Many of the visitors go on to the gardens of the manor, where the peacocks have long been an attraction.

A spokesman for Wiltshire's Royal Society for the Protection of Birds said: "Eating garden flowers isn't surprising behaviour. They'll eat a very wide range of foods.

"They are also quite a size, so their physically mowing through a gardener's flowerbeds is likely to result in substantial damage."

John Cronk, the council chairman, identified a further problem: "It is not just the damage to gardens. They are large birds, with a flying range of up to a quarter of a mile, and their droppings stink to high heaven.

"The Trust has offered to pay compensation for any damage caused if the peacocks are allowed to stay, but I think the view will be that the birds must go. This is not a new problem. Residents have been complaining about the peacocks for years. Visitors may like the birds, but if we are not careful there is a danger in a place like Avebury of having greater regard for the needs of tourists than for the people who actually live here."



BRUCE ADAMS

One of the wild ones: the peacocks are accused of destroying flower beds and pecking holes in cottage roofs

Hoots in the Lords at call for hit squad of eagle owls

By Robin Young

THE recent appearance of a rare eagle owl on the roof of St Paul's Cathedral prompted calls for an encore, and some hoots of laughter, in the House of Lords yesterday.

The former Conservative Scottish Secretary, Lord Campbell of Croy, urged that more owls should be set to work on getting rid of pigeons and grey squirrels. Lord Campbell suggested that ministers should "encourage experiments" in selected areas and said that the St Paul's owl had done "a very good job in killing hordes of pigeons".

This, he added, was despite the fact that the owl, which has since died of a bacterial infection, was an "alien and an escaped prisoner". He said there would be no risk to red squirrels, a threatened and protected species, as they did not live in the same areas as greys.

"So it would not matter if the owl were colour blind," he added cheerily. He saw a further advantage in that he had heard that eagle owls attacked small dogs. That would discourage dog ownership in the selected areas and help to keep pavements clean.

The eagle owl

Before his imagination took further flight, Baroness Hayman, a junior Environment Minister, told him: "Encouraging the use of non-native species for vermin control would be inappropriate because of the risk of escape into the wider environment." She added that the last confirmed sighting of a wild eagle owl, "known as the rottweiler of the avian world", in Britain had been in 1883 in Argyll. Lord Gainford, a Conservative, said that the owl's return to that area could help to get rid of hooded crows.

The minister said that using birds of prey to scare pigeons in some urban areas was allowed under the Wildlife and Countryside Act, but it was hard to stop them eating red squirrels, domestic pets, racing pigeons and grouse.

Lady Hayman then said that the Government was backing research into making grey squirrels sterile by vaccinating their food. Baroness Gardner of Parkes complained about squirrels eating apricots from a tree in her garden in central London. Lady Hayman suggested that she consult the two men from Newton Abbot, Devon, who had reportedly scared off squirrels by hooting at night, each believing that the other was an owl. A spokesman for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds said yesterday that all raptors were themselves under threat and pointed out that programmes to reintroduce species such as the eagle owl were "not a simple business". A spokesman said: "It requires years of patient work and dedicated application. Sometimes the casual introduction of predators has had uncontrollable and devastating consequences that were quite unforeseen."

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Parents who go ga-ga are doing junior a favour

Baby talk makes sense in any language, say the scientists who listened with mother. **Nigel Hawkes** reports

THE urge that leads otherwise sensible people to talk apparent gibberish to babies was given an intellectual explanation yesterday. New parents who suddenly find themselves going ga-ga are in fact emphasising vowel sounds instinctively, to provide vital instructions about the building blocks of language.

Research by an international team found that the exaggerated, drawn-out form of speech called "parentese" follows the same rules in English, Russian and Swedish.

It is not simply babble or affectionate endearments, but near-normal language, spoken slowly in sing-song style, with key sounds stretched out to make comprehension easier. Hello becomes hel-looo, with a rising intonation at the end. Sometimes syllables are repeated for emphasis ("doggie-woggie") or words enriched by extra vowel sounds ("baa-lamb"). By the age of 20 weeks, the baby's own babbling contains the same vowel sounds.

The team from America, Sweden and Russia was led by the American neuroscientist Dr Patricia Kuhl, of the University of Washington in Seattle. Their results, published in *Science*, show that baby talk is characterised by over-articulation that exaggerates sounds contained within words. Dr Kuhl says: "In normal, everyday speech, adults generally race along at a very fast pace. But we know it is easier to understand speakers when they stretch out sounds.

"That's why we tend to speak more slowly and carefully when we talk to strangers. We also do this unconsciously with babies, giving them an improved verbal signal they can capitalise on.

"When women across three different cultures, speaking three different languages, show the same pattern when speaking to their infants, biology is telling us something about its necessity and value to their babies," she says.

The study examined mothers, but there was no reason to suppose that fathers behaved any differently — other studies had shown they also use parentese. Mothers spend more time with babies than fathers, so it made sense to study them. Ten women from each of the three countries were recorded talking to their babies, who were between two and five months old. The mothers were asked to talk normally and include target words containing three vowel sounds common to all three languages: "ee", "ah" and "uu". The women were later recorded talking to adults.

The recordings were then analysed by spectrograph. The team found that in all three languages, mothers talking to their babies produced exaggerated versions of the vowel sounds, emphasising features that distinguished them from other vowel sounds. This was true of all 30 mothers across the three languages.

The exaggerated sounds allowed the mothers to produce a greater variety of vowel sounds without overlapping other vowels, Dr Kuhl says. Parentese provides the babies with "essential nuggets" of information about language that their brains quickly absorb. After the babies start to use the same vowel sounds — pitched at a higher level because their vocal tracts are smaller — they become expert in reproducing the special sounds of their own native tongue and lose other skills which are not relevant.

Earlier work by other researchers has shown that Japanese babies can distinguish "l" from "r", but lose the knack because it is not necessary in Japanese. The Kuhl team, which included researchers from the Early Intervention Institute in St Petersburg and from Stockholm University, conclude: "Language input to infants has culturally universal characteristics designed to promote language learning."

Anybody handed a baby tends to use parentese, Dr Kuhl says. "Carers, younger brothers and sisters, and even college students who were handed a baby have been observed using parentese. Parents don't have to work hard at this. Just by talking and communicating with their infants, they are playing a vital role without being aware of it."

Mother's joy at baby born to make history

By Russell Jenkins

A MOTHER told yesterday of her joy at being able to cuddle the baby who made medical history and survived pioneering surgery for a life-threatening condition.

Vickie Harris cradled her son, Dylan, while he slept in his Winnie the Pooh romper suit as she spoke of her delight at the new medical techniques which had enabled doctors to save him.

Dylan was just three days old when Paul May, a consultant neurosurgeon at Alder Hey Children's Hospital, Liverpool, cut open a flap in his head to relieve life-threatening pressure from a blood clot developing between his brain and skull.

Dylan's diagnosis, made at 30 weeks while in the womb, was the earliest made for the condition. He now has every chance of growing up to lead a normal life.

Mrs Harris, 28, a chef from Claughton, near Birkenhead, who lost her first child in a miscarriage 20 months ago, said: "We did not care if he was brain-damaged, paralysed down one side. We just wanted him to live so much.

A scan of Dylan in the womb, which showed up the blood clot in the skull which could have killed him

"When I first saw him after the operation, he was in an incubator and I couldn't hold him. I was able to put my hand in and touch him. It was a brilliant feeling. I think he is a miracle, a little fighter. He has just never given up on life all the way through. There were some days when we were ready to give up but he would never let us."

Her husband, David, 29, added: "We were told by Mr May that he might not come through the operation. We had that to worry about. We were made up when he did. It was a miracle."

Dylan, now six weeks old and weighing 6lb 14oz, is fit and well, feeding and sleeping normally, and has passed his first hearing and mobility tests. Ross Welch, consultant obstetrician at Arrowe Park Hospital, Upton, Birkenhead, is guarded about the baby's future but the early signs are good in a condition that once led to an early death or left the victim hopelessly disabled.

Dylan's condition was spotted when a routine ultrasound scan showed the signs of a blood clot so rare that there have been only a handful of cases, mostly in the South Pacific region. "We were devastated," said Mrs Harris.

"I first thought, 'Why me? Why is He picking on me, especially after the last pregnancy?' The surgeons were totally honest with us and warned us he could be paralysed. At 30 weeks I had felt his heart beat. So long as he was alive."

Mr Harris said that the couple could have coped with any disability; all that mattered was that their child was born alive. "We could not have coped with losing him," he said.

There has been only one documented case of such a condition being identified in the womb, much later, to a couple with haemophiliac tendencies, said Mr Welch. "This is the first antenatal diagnosis in a low-risk case," he said.

Both surgeon and obstetrician were able to confirm the diagnosis against the graphic results of an MRI scan (magnetic resonance imaging). It showed that Dylan's head was much larger than normal due to the bleeding. The baby was delivered by Caesarean section at 34 weeks to prevent further brain damage.

Dylan's birth went smoothly but his haemoglobin count was dangerously low and his head abnormally large. Mr May said: "I cut a window to the brain out of the skull.

"At that age the skull is so thin you can cut it with a pair of scissors. I opened up a small area three or four centimetres square, opened up and removed the blood clot, taking the pressure off the skull.

"It is very difficult in a case like this, where there is so much development and so much life ahead of Dylan, to be exactly sure what his future will be. At this stage he is a normal baby."

DAVE KENDALL

David and Vickie Harris hug their baby, Dylan. Pioneering surgery saved him

Leukaemia death rate higher near atomic sites

By Ian Murray

DEATHS from childhood leukaemia are higher than expected in areas around landlocked nuclear sites, researchers have discovered.

The study, published in a letter today in the *British Medical Journal*, covered areas of Oxfordshire and Berkshire around the Atomic Weapons Establishment at Aldermaston, the Atomic Energy Research Establishment at Harwell and the Royal Ordnance factory at Burghfield.

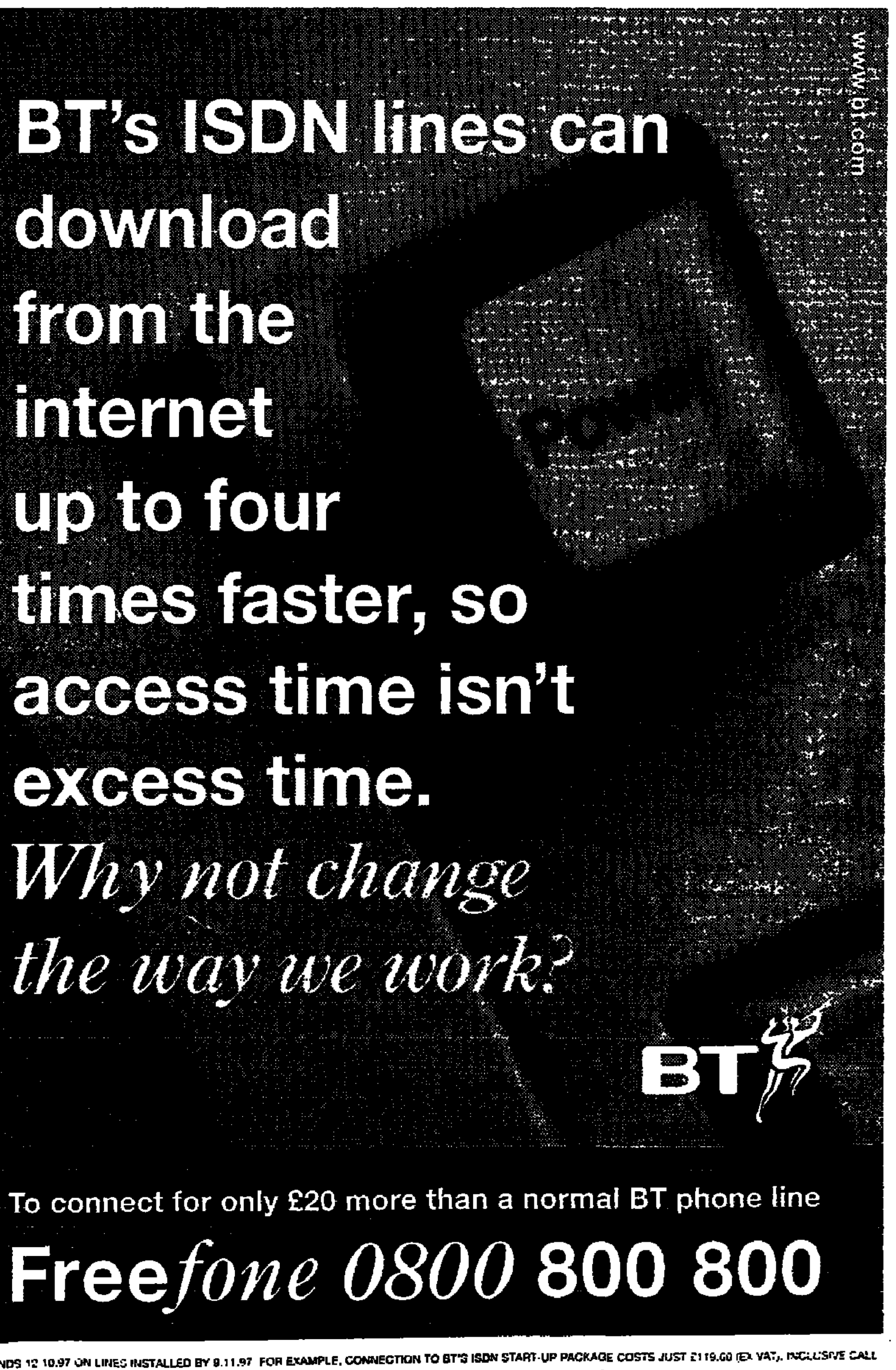
The letter, from Chris Busby of the environmental group Green Audit (Wales), says radioactive gases and effluent legally released into the air and the Thames and Kennet have become concentrated in the river valleys where south Oxfordshire and Newbury lie.

Dr Busby says figures from the Office for National Statistics show that leukaemia deaths were roughly double the expected average. In south Oxfordshire 12 children died in the 15 years from 1981 to 1995 instead of a predicted five and in Newbury there were 11 deaths rather than six.

CORRECTIONS

☐ Hugh Dunsmore-Hardy's criticism of bad practice among estate agents was not (contrary to a report, July 28) directed at members of the National Association of Estate Agents, of which body he is chief executive.

☐ The Captain Pugwash deal (report, June 26) is between John Cary Films (not John Ryan) and the Britt Allcroft Company, and its likely production cost is £1.5 million. Britt Allcroft does not own Thomas the Tank Engine.



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A-level classics standards 'worst for a decade'

■ An examiner tells David Charter that many candidates in this year's tests deserved minus marks for submitting papers riddled with basic errors in punctuation and spelling

A-LEVEL standards in the subject classical civilisation have fallen to their lowest point in ten years, according to an examiner who believes that many of the 350 candidates he marked this summer deserved minus scores.

Jim Brennan, an A-level examiner since 1986, said this year's papers in his subject were appalling, with countless basic errors in spelling, punctuation and data. Mr Brennan, who recently retired as senior classics master at Dauntsey's School, near Devizes, Wiltshire, said his evidence did not tally with the 15 successive annual rises in A-level grades. He spoke out less than two weeks before this year's students receive their results, on August 14.

The Government's own inquiry into standards was inconclusive in most subjects, largely because of the lack of records kept by examination boards. Classical civilisation A level was introduced in the early 1980s to combine the history and literature of ancient Rome and Greece, without learning the languages. In 350 scripts for the paper on the Romans, which accounts for half the final mark, many candidates failed to spell correctly *Aeneid* or *Caesar*.

Candidates were required to write four essays from a choice *of 25 in three hours. Just six* scored more than 70 per cent, traditionally the threshold for an A grade, but Mr Brennan is worried the true picture will be concealed on August 14.

Writing in *The Times* today, he says: "The board for which I mark does not permit penalties for errors in spelling and punctuation. If it did, many candidates would have received a minus mark.

"The majority of them [the *candidates*] will be saying to universities and, eventually, employers, that they have an A level in classics, which sounds quite impressive. Yet almost all those whose papers I read are as close to illiteracy as they can be."

The most disturbing mistakes were in basic English. Separate was often written as *seprit*, and *to*, *too* and *two* were constantly confused. Almost all candidates commonly used *would of*, confused *there* and *their*, and did not know that nouns ending in *y* took *ies* in the plural.

Yet while up to five marks are awarded at GCSE for spelling, punctuation and grammar, none can be lost for illiteracy at A level. "Candidate A can write a perfect paper in terms of content, perfectly spelt, and candidate B, equally good in content but with hundreds of mistakes, *would get the same mark.*"

Mr Brennan's years of marking lead him to believe that teachers are not correcting homework. "This is not just pedantry," he said. "There are so many mistakes that should have been ironed out when they were nine years old." He added: "The real solution lies with the teachers and how much time they are prepared to give to correcting their pupils' essays."

☐ Teachers yesterday called for a weekly service to replace compulsory daily prayers to safeguard the quality of worship in schools. An overwhelming vote by the Professional Association of Teachers echoed the view of a conference of head teachers in May that the law requiring a daily act of collective worship was hypocritical and impractical. According to school inspectors, 90 per cent of *primary schools but just 25 per* cent of secondary schools obeyed the law last year.

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Boy set fire to school in bid to delay exams

By David Charter, Education Correspondent

A BOY aged 15 was so terrified of taking GCSEs that he started a major fire at his school so that the examinations would be postponed, a court was told yesterday.

Daniel Welsh admitted destroying the library at Rhyl High School, Denbighshire, because he did not want to disappoint his parents by scoring low grades. He confessed his moment of "complete lunacy" to police five days after the £26,000 blaze, and the school allowed him back to take his GCSEs this summer.

Welsh will receive his results later this month, after he starts a two-year sentence in a detention centre. Mr Justice Curtis said at Chester Crown Court that the incident was "one of the most serious in the book".

The boy, now 16, from Chester, told his mother on March 8 that he was staying with friends, but instead caught a late-night train from Chester to Prestatyn. He broke into the school and started fires by piling up books, papers, chairs and shelves.

Welsh said he was desperate to make his parents feel proud of him and, because he thought he was not going to do very well in his examinations, hoped to have them put off for a year. He added that he was very sorry for the damage and the pain he had caused his mother and father.

Tammi Bannon, for Welsh, described the case as "sad but serious". She said he had previously enjoyed an exemplary character. References handed to the judge included a letter from the school's deputy head teacher, who emphasised that the incident was totally out of character.

Miss Bannon said Welsh felt genuine shame and remorse for what he had done. "This hare-brained idea was an effort to disrupt exams which he thought he was underprepared to take. He was so desperate to avoid disappointing his parents." She added: "This was an isolated episode of complete lunacy from a young man under a great deal of strain."

Dennis Potter, for the prosecution, told the court that on March 8 this year police arrived at Rhyl High School and discovered flames coming from the library area. A broken window was spotted in the library block and other windows were found smashed elsewhere in the school after the fire had been put out. Welsh had attempted to set fire to a school canteen.

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Simon Grossmith and Nutty, who endured having its teeth painted by its young owner without raising a paw

'Oscar' for autistic boy's cat in a million

A CAT that has forged a special link with its young autistic owner, enduring having its teeth painted and being carted around relentlessly, has won the feline equivalent of an Oscar.

Nutty, a year-old ginger tom, has never protested at the attention lavished on it by Simon Grossmith, 5, who has also bathed his pet and taken it for walks in his rucksack. Nutty's patience has brought it a "Golden Arthur", a trophy and £1,000.

Simon's mother, Nicola, of Reigate, Surrey, said: "This little ginger cat seems to be able to establish a link with Simon that people are unable to achieve. He's a cat in a million."

Another of the 14 regional finalists, Prudence, a Persian, saved its owner's life by signalling with its paw that the gas cooker had been left on. The owner's dogs were already unconscious from the leaking gas.

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Lord Simon bound by the law, the City and ministerial rules

Polly Newton and Sarah Cunningham on the difficult switch from business to government office

THE *share dealings of Lord Simon of* Highbury are bound by the rules of both the City and Whitehall as well as being subject, like all share trading, to criminal law.

As the Minister for Trade and Competitiveness in Europe, the former BP chairman must follow a code of conduct aimed at preventing actual or potential conflicts of interest between his role in Government and his status as a share owner. That bars him from taking part in government decisions that could affect the price of his shares in BP or any other company.

Lord Simon, who gave up his £241,000 salary to become an unpaid member of the Government, was prompted by the Ministerial Code to put his non-BP shareholdings into a blind trust, over which he has no control. It also led to his decision not to sell or deal in any BP shares until January at the earliest. *By* then, the reasoning goes, he will have been away from the company for long enough to be unaware of its detailed plans and any impact that government action might have on them.

The Permanent Secretary at the Department of Trade and Industry and Sir Robin Butler, head of the Civil Service, agreed that this arrangement conformed to the guidelines. *When it is reviewed in January,* Lord Simon could opt to put the BP shares over which he already has control in a blind trust. Alternatively he could ask permission from the Permanent Secretary and Sir Robin to sell some shares.

Lord Simon's predicament has been made more awkward by a strong rise in the BP share price that has increased the value of his shareholding by more than £200,000 since he reached the agreement over what to do with it in May.

A significant proportion of his shares are being held for him by BP in a Jersey-based trust under the company's long-term performance plan, which rewards directors with shares if the company meets certain targets.

He will not be able to deal in any of those until the first tranche is released in May next year. If he then sells them he will have to pay taxes on them at British rates.

Lord Simon has a total of 247,091 shares in BP, at present worth about £2.06 million, including those in being held for him in the Jersey trust. When he was chairman of BP, his activities were covered by the Stock Exchange's "Yellow Book", which says that directors cannot sell or trade their company shares in the gap between the end of one trading period and publication of the company's results for that period.

Now that he is no longer a director of the company, he is treated by the City like any other shareholder, except that — according to the DTI — if he sells his holding, he is at greater risk of breaking the law on insider trading, as enshrined in the 1993 Criminal Justice Act.

A spokesman for the department said yesterday that Lord Simon's particular areas of responsibility had been allocated in accordance with the Ministerial Code. He is the UK's representative on the European Union's Internal Market Council, which considers all issues relating to the single market. When the UK takes over the presidency of the European Commission next year, he will become chairman of the council.

The *DTI* spokesman said: "Issues that will relate to BP will not come up at the Internal Market Council. If there is a conflict of interest — if *BP* is going to be on the agenda — he will not go.

"He *is* dealing with issues that are not likely to affect BP, but where they do, or where they might, he will not participate. We could not be clearer."

Lord Simon is also a member of the Foreign Office task force on preparing the UK for the presidency of the European Commission. He chairs the Department of Trade and Industry's competitiveness task force, and sits on the Cabinet sub-committees on Europe and on economic affairs.

He is not the first shareholder to face a potential conflict of interest by entering the DTI. When Michael Heseltine was in Government, his shares in Haymarket Publishing were put into a blind trust.

The Tories argue that the two situations were not comparable. A Tory spokesman said yesterday: "There is a difference between a book publishing house in a highly competitive market, where he was not the minister for book publishing, and a market that is regulated by the DTI . . . BP is a creature of Government."

He said the same argument applied to former Trade and Industry Secretary Paul Channon, who had a major shareholding in Guinness.

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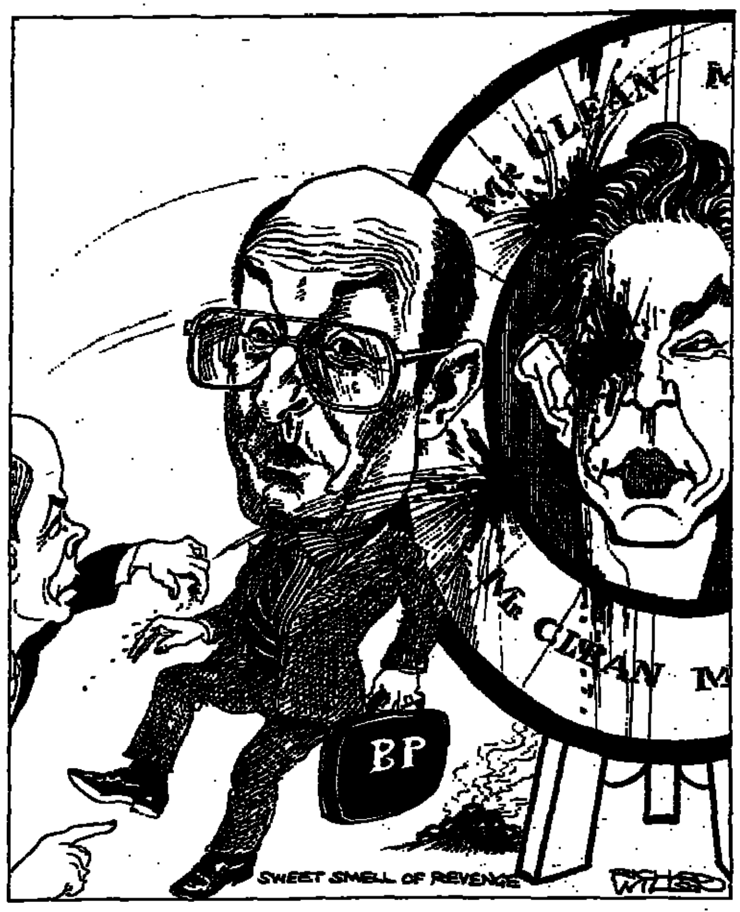

BP shareholding set to increase by 40,000

By Andrew Pierce

LORD SIMON stands to receive a further tranche of up to 40,000 BP shares in an offshore trust worth up to £330,000 next year.

The revelation will fuel the political row over the executive share scheme managed by a Jersey-based trust. The final number of shares paid into the trust, which will depend on the company's performance this year, will not be known until the next annual report.

But BP confirmed last night it could be as high as 40,000 shares, which are trading at £8.37 at yesterday's prices. Last year the trust acquired £874,000 of the £2.15 million BP shares he retained when he resigned as chairman.

The controversy has cast doubts over the surprise appointment of Lord Simon to the Government, which was hailed as a coup for Tony Blair, emphasising Labour's new relationship with the business community.

The unpaid ministerial job for Lord Simon was confirmed on May 8 one week after the election. But the Tories, who were seething that such a high-powered figure as the former managing director and chairman of BP could join a Labour Government, were given a chance to exact their revenge two months later.

They pounced on **July 8** when it was disclosed that Lord Simon had not disclosed his £2.15 million of BP shares in the Lords register of interests. While he was perfectly within his rights not to do so was seen as a tactical blunder.

The Tories had to look only as far as the BP annual report to see the words of Lord Simon who declared as chairman the need for "transparency" and "openess". The Whitehall bible, *Questions of Procedures for Ministers*, which were revised yesterday, stated: "A minister should, upon assuming office, review his or her investments and, if it seems likely that any of them might give rise to an actual or apparent conflict of interest they should be disposed of." Lord Simon stood accused of double standards.

However, when he took up his post he was advised by senior civil servants not to dispose of his shares in BP because he would have laid himself open to charges of insider dealing. Whitehall officials argued that because of his position as chairman of *BP* he had inside knowledge of the company's trade performance during the first five weeks of the second quarter of the year. Lord Simon decided not to trade the shares and he will review his poisition on January 1.

But this did not dampen the enthusiasm of the Tories, who finally had a release for their pent-up fury after months of battering from Labour on charges of sleaze. John Redwood, trade and industry spokesman, referred it to the Cabinet Office. The following day Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary, cleared Lord Simon of any breach of ministerial rules.

But the difficulties deepened for Lord Simon when *The Times* disclosed on **July 12** that he had acquired almost £1 million of his holding through an offshore trust fund. By buying and acquiring shares through the Jersey trust in 1996 BP will potentially offset capital gains tax if the shares have risen in value when they pass to him at the end of the executive reward scheme.

On July 15 it emerged that Lord Simon, whose brief excludes matters which can relate to BP, had answered written questions in the House of Lords on the chemical industry the previous month.

The Tories revealed on **July** 18 that Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, had written to Mr Redwood on July 5 to confirm that Lord Simon had put his non-BP investments in a blind trust. But Mrs Beckett was misinformed. The trust was not yet in place when she wrote the letter.

The DTI confirmed on **July 19** that Lord Simon had signed a memorandum approving a European action plan which included gas liberalisation and a common tax regime for energy production. The Tories argued that both subjects impinged on BP.

There was further embarrassment at the weekend when it was shown that the value of the holding had risen by more than £225,000.

The Tories are ignoring the main concern

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

Goodbye Cabinet government. Welcome the Blair presidency. The *Ministerial Code* — the new and expanded version of *Questions of Procedure for Ministers* — is the most revolutionary publication produced by the Government since the election. It sets out in a formal code of conduct, to be obeyed by all ministers, the biggest centralisation of power seen in Whitehall in peacetime.

All the familiar textbooks about the Cabinet system will have to be rewritten. The idea that heads of department have an independent standing has been torn up. The *Ministerial Code* is a remarkably frank document. The section on "Ministers and the Presentation of Policy" has been totally rewritten. In the previous version, there is merely a reference to the organisation of a press conference. Now, this has been supplemented by a section on co-ordination of government policy.

This states bluntly that "in order to ensure the effective presentation of government policy, all major interviews and media appearances, both print and broadcast, should be agreed with the No 10 Press Office before any commitments are entered into. The policy content of all major speeches, press releases, and new policy initiatives should be cleared in good time with the No 10 Private Office; the timing and form of announcements should be cleared with the No 10 Press Office. Each department should keep a record of media contacts by both ministers and officials."

Co-ordination of government strategy and its implementation is desirable, indeed overdue — fully justifying Peter Mandelson's ministerial role, as well as his personal role as prime ministerial confidant. Similarly, co-ordinating announcements via the Downing Street Press Office to prevent clashes is sensible but this paragraph borders on obsessive, and unacceptable, centralised control. Either a Prime Minister trusts those whom he appoints to ministerial office, or he does not.

Downing Street officials were last night unapologetic about the change. "It is the strategic and message discipline we operated in Opposition as translated to Government." But Government is different from Opposition, both constitutionally and politically. So much for Cabinet ministers being independent heads of departments with their own responsibilities. Now they have to check in with Downing Street if they want to talk to the press, and they have to put on record even having a quiet drink with a journalist.

Moreover, such centralisation will, in practice, be impossible to sustain. If Government is to work, ministers have to be allowed to get on with their allotted responsibilities without all the time having to check in with Downing Street. No Prime Minister's Office can, or should, micro-manage the activities of nearly one hundred ministers. The new code reinforces the centralised practice of the new Government, though this is combined with Tony Blair's personal preference for focusing on a few important issues. There is often little collective discussion by the Cabinet, even of major political matters.

These questions are far more important than the current obsessive interest in the shareholdings of Lord Simon of Highbury, the Minister for Trade and Competitiveness in Europe. His defence in *The Times* today is powerful and convincing. The main result will be to make successful businessmen even more sceptical of politicians. Instead of engaging in the type of populist scandal chasing of which they often accused Labour, the Tories should be concentrating on the constitutional upheaval in Whitehall, and the creation of the Blair presidency.

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'You injected your lover with death'

Judge sentences Cypriot fisherman who gave Briton Aids to 15 months in jail, reports **Michael Theodoulou**

A CYPRIOT fisherman who is dying of Aids was jailed for 15 months yesterday for knowingly infecting a British divorcée, Janette Pink, with HIV. Pavlos Georgiou looked stunned at the severity of the sentence as lawyers had predicted that he would receive a suspended sentence. He had planned a party last night to celebrate the end of his trial.

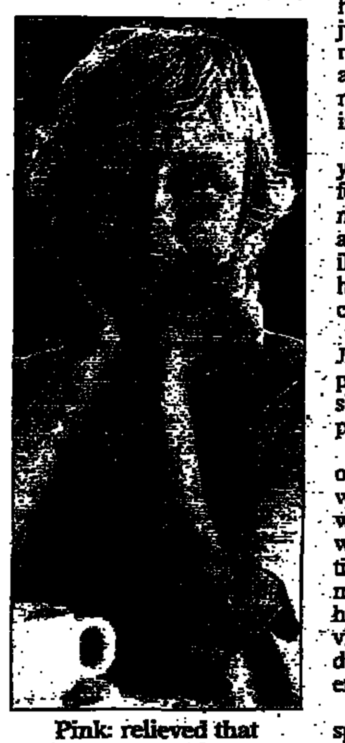
Georgiou swayed on his feet in the dock as Judge Antonis Liatsos told him that he had not only failed to tell his lover he had Aids but also "avoided all protection, injecting her with death for months on end". He stared in disbelief at the judge as was told he escaped the maximum two-year sentence only because he had to care for four children, including a son aged four who is infected with the virus, and "because you have only a short time to live".

For the first time since his trial began three months ago, Georgiou, 40, showed emotion as he called out to his twin brother, Petros, while three armed policemen bundled him out of the courtroom in Larnaca. He reached out to embrace his brother and said: "Look after my children." Petros Georgiou's mother is caring for them.

The judge had complained that the 50-year-old law introduced to the island by the British to stop the spread of cholera needed stiffer penalties "to protect the public which is at risk from this terrible disease". The judge said: "I would have expected of him, knowing his condition, that he would have taken all the precautions when having sex. His negligence led another person to death.

"Cyprus society must be protected, seeing that so many tourists come to the island."

Georgiou had bragged about his string of romances even while his wife, Martha, who also had Aids, was dying, and he was having a relationship with Mrs Pink, who had left her two teenage children in 1994 to begin a new life in the resort of Ayia Napa after her marriage to an accountant had broken down.



Pink: relieved that the court case is over

Mrs Pink, who said she did not want to be in Cyprus to see Georgiou sentenced, said yesterday: "This will hopefully make Paul [Pavlos] realise what he has done and stop him from doing it again. He just did not care that he might make me sick, or make me die, and he has never shown any remorse. I'm relieved that this is all finally over."

Georgiou's brother said yesterday: "We have no hard feelings towards Janette. We never said any bad things about Janette. My whole family still have good feelings for her but we are surprised this case ever came to court."

He said his brother and Janette "stayed together happily for two years even after she was diagnosed as HIV-positive in October 1994".

In Cyprus there is concern over how the island's only jail, which has no facilities to deal with Aids patients, will cope with Georgiou. Legal authorities say he is likely to serve no more than eight months, but he might have to be kept in virtual solitary confinement during that time. He is considering an appeal.

Evis Baghdadis, a local Aids specialist who treated Georgiou and Mrs Pink, said: "Our prison doesn't have any medical facilities and at the moment he's under therapy that requires meals at specific times and regular blood tests. I fear he could end up in solitary confinement. The only way they can deal with infectious diseases in the prison is with two rooms that are effectively isolation rooms."

Lefcos Clerides, a former president of the Cyprus Bar Association, said that the jail sentence imposed on Georgiou was "stiff in view of his health condition".

Yannis Demetriades, the doctor in charge of the island's only Aids clinic, who is also looking after Georgiou, said that his patient's imprisonment "will not be good. It may affect him psychologically and have an adverse effect on his general condition."

☐ *Additional reporting by Daniel McGrory.*

PHILIP MARK/AP

Pavlos Georgiou, right, leaving court with his lawyer, Tassos Economou, and twin Petros. He asked his brother to care for his children

Charities fear prosecutions would undo years of health education

By Daniel McGrory

AIDS charities criticised the decision to jail Pavlos Georgiou and said they did not want British courts to adopt similar punishments. Janette Pink, backed by her local Tory MP, Sir Teddy Taylor, has urged a change in the law to make similar prosecutions possible.

Derek Bodell, director of the National Aids Trust, said: "What purpose does this sentence serve? In the end Georgiou is being punished for not disclosing his HIV status. People who are going through the trauma of diagnosis and developing Aids are often concerned that people will not love them if they tell them about their illness.

"What Georgiou is guilty of is falling into that misery we have created as a society. Yes, he has behaved badly, but we are trying to introduce laws into what is a very complex set of human relationships."

Mr Bodell added: "It is very dangerous if we try to introduce similar laws to those in Cyprus. People will feel they cannot disclose their HIV status or will not even want to know their status because ignorance will be bliss. All the work we have done to bring Aids and HIV out into the open will be halted."

Ceri Hutton, of the UK Forum on HIV and Human Rights, said: "There are moves to prosecute under the Offences Against the Person Act, where you can cause wilful harm. But it would be difficult to frame such an application in the law to deal with Aids and would be even harder to prove in court as it would be one person's word against another."

Nick Partridge, chief executive of the Terrence Higgins Trust, said: "The judge wanted to use this case as a deterrent to others. However, it will also deter people from seeking testing for HIV.

"This will cause more difficulties in fighting the spread of Aids in Cyprus. We need to consider the implications carefully and see what lessons there are for us in Britain."

Susie Parsons, chief executive of the London Lighthouse Project, said: "We do not support any attempt to create a specific offence of transmitting HIV. The key issue is to prevent the spread of HIV and Aids and that won't happen by criminalising it."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Girl with ME loses legal fight

A county council which reduced the hours of home tuition provided to a teenager with ME was backed by the Court of Appeal yesterday. The court overturned a High Court ruling that East Sussex County Council had acted unlawfully in the case of Beth Tandy, 15, of Lewes.

The council argued that it had had no choice after a £3 million shortfall in the local education budget. Miss Tandy was given leave to appeal to the House of Lords.

Walker dead

The body of a missing walker, Elizabeth Fisher, 48, from London, was recovered from the River Elchaig in the Highlands, five miles from Ratagan, where she had been staying.

Silent line

A telephone line set up in Belper, Derbyshire, for the public to report vandals was closed down after receiving no calls in four years. The scheme, backed by the council and police, offered rewards up to £100.

Litter of law

A street-sweeper is threatening to sue Worcester City Council after his cleaning machine went out of control and ran him over. Ivor Bishop, 48, of Worcester, was taken to hospital with cuts.

Inside track

Police in Bedford spent six hours hunting a stolen BMW equipped with a tracker — before finding the device in the grounds of their police station. The thief had spotted it and discarded it.

Brief lunch

The case of the missing sandwiches was solved by an appeal over the Tannoy at the Old Bailey. A barrister was reunited with his cheese and pickle by the detective who mistook them for his ham and tomato.

Solicitors agree property shop deal

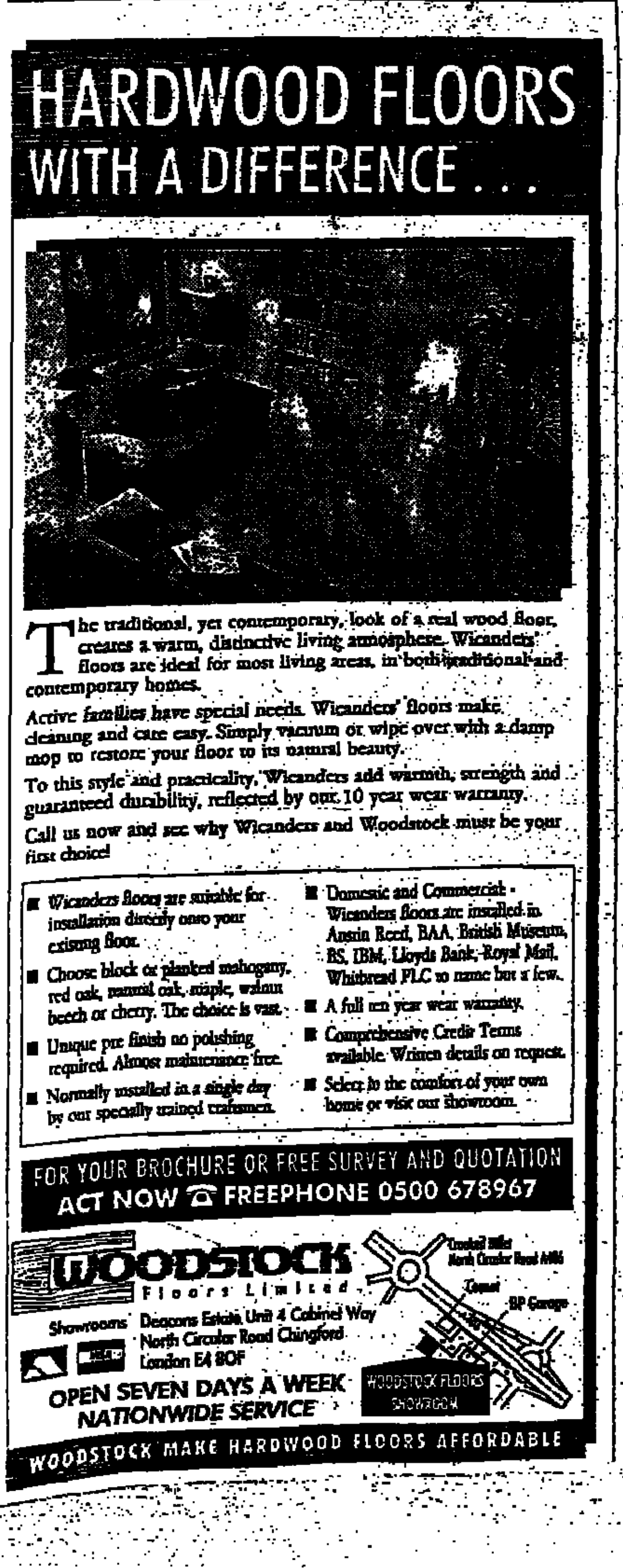
By Frances Gibb

ONE-STOP property shops offering a package of estate agency, conveyancing and financial services could be in business by the end of this year.

More than 100 solicitors have signed up with a company called the Solicitors' Property Centre to offer a franchised network of property shops in England and Wales. The move comes after a Law Society council decision earlier this month to relax the conveyancing rules and allow solicitors who run estate agencies to act for either the buyer or seller, or give financial advice to the buyer.

Hambro Countrywide is already planning to offer conveyancing through its estate agency arm. Under the scheme agreed yesterday, groups of solicitors would be able to own and operate a property shop and take a share of its profits. A duty solicitor would be available for conveyancing help, but buyers or sellers would be referred to local participating solicitors for any legal work.

Technology will allow access to lists of available properties, the Land Registry, local authorities and lending institutions, and updates on transactions.



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Abduction woman is charged

By Joanna Bale

Bail: Whalin yesterday

THE housewife accused of eloping to Florida with a boy aged 14 was yesterday charged with abduction and indecent assault.

Tracey Whalin, 33, of Bilborough, Nottingham, appeared before the city's magistrates accused of indecently assaulting a boy under 16 between April 1, 1996, and July 15, 1997. A further charge alleged that she took a child aged under 16 from the lawful control of his guardian on July 14. She was granted conditional bail. The maximum sentence for indecent assault is ten years and for child abduction seven years. Mrs Whalin, who was brought back from Florida on Wednesday, spoke once during the short hearing, to confirm her details.

Mrs Whalin, whose bail application was not opposed by the prosecution, must live in a hostel. The boy cannot be identified for legal reasons.

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Britain moves higher in bribery league

From Roger Boyes
in Bonn

BRITAIN is seen as more corrupt than seven other European Union countries, including Germany, according to an authoritative annual league table released yesterday by the Berlin-based Transparency International group.

The rankings, analysing business managers' responses to corruption round the world, often shake up countries at the bottom end of the table. Anger over Pakistan's rating as second worst in the world contributed to the overthrow of the Government of Benazir Bhutto. Nigeria which this year, as in previous years, is seen as the most corrupt of 52 surveyed countries, has been particularly loud in condemning the "poll of polls".

Transparency International is a private group, set up in 1993 to combat corruption, and bases its information on seven international surveys of business people, political analysts and the public.

The cleanest countries this year were Denmark, Finland and Sweden, which toppled New Zealand from the top position. Britain came relatively low, in 14th position, its image apparently dented by stories of sleaze. Significantly, it was overtaken by Germany, although the Germans still give broad latitude to companies which hand out bribes to foreign contractors.

Germany has been under pressure, especially from the United States, to plug legal loopholes which allow German businessmen to write off bribes abroad against tax. Yet both Britain, and even the United States, which has strict legal barriers against international bribery, lag behind the Germans. In part, this is probably because of the nature of the survey, which does not track such areas as company-to-company bribery.

The most corrupt countries this year are regarded as Nigeria, followed by Bolivia, Colombia and Russia. Pakistan has improved its position, earning only one out of ten for honesty last year but 2.53 in 1997. The chairman of Transparency International, Peter Eigen, issued a warning against focusing on Third World corruption.

"Corruption is perceived to be greatest there, but I urge the public to recognise that a large share of the corruption is the explicit product of multinational corporations, headquartered in leading industrialised countries, using massive bribery and kickbacks to buy contracts in the developing world and the countries in transition." The Third World, in other words, would be less corrupt if developing states stopped offering bribes.

Indeed, the most revealing standings are buried deep in the table. Belgium, for example, is now regarded as more corrupt than Mediterranean nations such as Portugal, Spain and Greece. The Italians are seen as the most corrupt of the EU states in the survey, but the country has improved its score from last year, advancing from 3.42 out of 10 to 5.03.

"Every day that the poor scores in the Corruption Perception Index are not being dealt with means more impoverishment, less education and less healthcare," said Dr Eigen. Money was diverted from development into overpriced contracts.

A study by Harvard associate professor Shang-Jin Wei found that a rise in corruption levels had the same effect on foreign investments as raising the marginal tax rate by more than 20 per cent. "Awareness is a first step to fighting or reducing corruption," he said.

BEST AND WORST FOR CORRUPTION

CLEANEST COUNTRIES
(Marks out of ten)

1	Denmark	9.94
2	Finland	9.48
3	Sweden	9.35
4	New Zealand	9.23
5	Canada	9.10
6	The Netherlands	9.03
7	Norway	8.92
8	Australia	8.86
9	Singapore	8.66
10	Luxembourg	8.61
11	Switzerland	8.61
12	Ireland	8.28
13	Germany	8.23
14	Britain	8.22

MOST CORRUPT

1	Nigeria	1.76
2	Bolivia	2.05
3	Colombia	2.23
4	Russia	2.27
5	Pakistan	2.53
6	Mexico	2.66
7	Indonesia	2.72
8	India	2.75
9	Venezuela	2.77
10	Vietnam	2.79
11	Argentina	2.81
12	China	2.88
13	Philippines	3.05
14	Thailand	3.06

Source: Transparency International

Ancestor worship cuts the cost of Pacific paradise

From Ben Macintyre in Paris

ONE of the most celebrated paradise islands in the South Pacific, complete with 25 miles of beach and its own airstrip, will be bought at a knockdown price by the Government of French Polynesia after a long-running dispute over land rights.

Tupai atoll, a 2,500-acre ring of coral in the Tahiti archipelago, once used as a private holiday preserve by the likes of Brigitte Bardot and the Duke and Duchess of Kent, will be sold for just Fr34 million (£3.4 million), or roughly a fifth of the original auction starting price.

Maurice Lejeune, a French lawyer and millionaire who has owned the island for 30 years, was forced to sell by his main creditor, the Bank of Polynesia, when his business empire collapsed. The asking price dropped dramatically after several thousand Polynesian inhabitants from nearby Bora Bora and Tahaa islands claimed that the atoll had not been legally purchased from their ancestors.

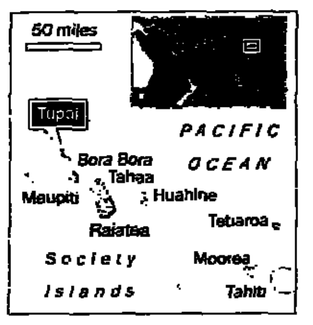
A Polynesian court will rule on the validity of those land claims in October. This week Polynesia's Cabinet agreed a plan to buy the island, but the decision must now be ratified by the Polynesian Assembly.

The Government intends to build a hotel complex on part of the island and turn much of the rest into a nature reserve for the endangered species that flourish there.

In 1990 a group of Japanese investors attempted to buy the island for an estimated £35 million to build a hotel-casino, but that plan also fell through when protesters argued that their ancestral land rights were being violated.

The island contains the ruins of several temples and plays an important role in the ancient Polynesian religion.

The Government's purchase of the island may turn out to be an even better bargain than it appears. According to local legend, a crew of Chilean pirates buried a fabulous hoard of looted Peruvian treasure somewhere on Tupai in 1822, and were then all killed without revealing its location. Numerous adventurers have tried, and so far failed, to find the buried treasure.



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A young Brigitte Bardot on honeymoon in 1966 with Gunther Sachs, her third husband, strolls along the beach of Tupai atoll

Spy in sky watches Claudie the cow chew cud

By Ben Macintyre

AS THEY graze the pastures of central France, two cows and a horse are being spied on by satellite in an unprecedented experiment to monitor how efficiently they keep down the undergrowth.

Computerised beacons have been strapped to the backs of Marguérite and Claudie, a pair of stout Charolais cows, and Garance, a mare, to enable the French National Institute of Agronomic Research (Inra) to monitor their every movement in the fields above Theix, in the Auvergne.

The fields have become covered in brambles, bushes and weeds and the researchers hope the experiment will show whether livestock are better at clearing overgrown pasture than chemical weed-killers or machines.

The satellite monitoring system, usually used to keep track of ships, shows the location of the animals to within a few yards by sending a signal to the satellite Global Positioning System every five seconds.

"This will allow us to see if cows and horses are complementary in their grazing habits," Didier Micol, a researcher at Inra, said. The results will also show what types of vegetation the herd may be eating.

The experiement is part of a broader project to reclaim agricultural land that has run to seed in the depopulated central regions of France.

The three satellite pioneers are part of a larger herd of 36 cows and 12 horses. The transmitters will be fastened to a different three members of the herd every three days.

In addition, all the cattle and horses are fitted with another monitor showing the position of their heads and thus whether they are grazing or just chewing the cud and watching the scenery.

The herd is expected to cover a distance of 1,000 miles of upland in the course of the experiment.

Doing the same job with human herdsmen would require at least 12 permanent and patient cattle-watchers and would produce far less accurate results.

Floods set back East's EU entry timetable

By Roger Boyes

FLOODING in Central Europe has started to ease, allowing governments to count the cost of the July deluge. The Czech Republic and Poland now recognise that the damage could seriously set back their growth, spur inflation and hobble their progress to the European Union even before entry negotiations have begun.

The balance sheet presented by Prague gives some indication of the economic damage. Agriculture suffered worst — 190,000 animals drowned, 195 farms are under water, and losses are reckoned to be about £200 million. More than 2,000 apartments have been destroyed and whole factories and power stations crumbled into the torrent. The total damage will be about £1 billion, only a third of which is covered by insurance. The state will have to raise money, perhaps with special flood bonds and loans.

Poland was in a stronger economic position, but Karol Szwarc, Deputy Finance Minister, cannot deny the seriousness of the setback. It has been a proud boast that Warsaw could meet all the Maastricht European economic and monetary union criteria this year, apart from inflation. Now the promise rings hollow. Mr Szwarc admits: "As a result of the floods, the budget deficit will jump from 2.8 per cent to 3.3 per cent of gross domestic product." Growth would be slower than anticipated, more like 5 per cent than the predicted 5.5 per cent.

But the big concern is inflation. To cover the cost of reconstruction, Warsaw is trying to raise more than £500 million as well as borrowing $300 million (£187 million) from the World Bank and taking on credits from European institutions. The cash will be used for repairs and also to rebuild and modernise Silesia's infrastructure.

Even so the new money will make it difficult to hold down inflation. Mr Szwarc reckons on end-of-year inflation now reaching 13 per cent rather than 12 per cent, but even this may be unduly optimistic.

The Poles say the flood damage could amount to anything between $2 and $4 billion. Twenty out of 49 regions were affected, 470,000 hectares of arable land are under water, 86 towns have been paralysed by the floods and 875 villages evacuated. More than 1,125 miles of road are still unpassable.

There has been lasting damage, too, to Poland's cultural heritage. The floods swept through libraries and archives throughout Silesia, destroying literary treasures. The German authorities have sent drying technology to Poland: the restorers there are having to use blotting paper.

☐ **Brussels aid:** The EU proposed £1m million relief aid for the German state of Brandenburg.

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Israelis swoop on suspected Islamic militants

From Ross Dunn in Jerusalem

ISRAELI security forces yesterday raided areas of the West Bank under their control to arrest suspected Islamic extremists after the suicide bombings in Jerusalem's market which left 15 people dead.

Soldiers and police arrested dozens of Palestinians, including the relatives of the two men thought to have been the bombers.

The military wing of Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement, has claimed responsibility for the attack. The men, both in their twenties, came from a village near Hebron, on the West Bank. They had disappeared more than a year ago after being put on Israel's wanted list of suspected terrorists.

As well as arresting Hamas members, Israel has cut funding to the Palestinian Authority and imposed an indefinite closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip. An arrest warrant was also issued for Ghazi Jabali, the Palestinian police chief, for allegedly encouraging attacks on Jewish settlers. This was the latest stage in a dispute which began two weeks ago when Israeli troops arrested several Palestinian policemen who they said were about to open fire on a Jewish settlement near the West Bank town of Nablus.

The decision was announced as Israelis began burying the dead. Hospitals reported that 58 injured people remained in their care.

Palestinian officials described Israel's response as inflammatory. The officials claimed they had already begun their own operation against Muslim militants in the Gaza Strip and gave a warning to Israel against entering Palestinian self-rule areas to arrest suspects.

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Relatives of Sami Malka, 44, a victim of Wednesday's bombing, mourn while an ultra-Orthodox Jew says a prayer at the site of the attack

David Bar-Illan, an adviser to Binyamin Netanyahu, Israel's Prime Minister, defended the stand taken by the Cabinet. He said Israel reserved the right to take action because the Palestinian Authority was not doing the job itself. Mr Bar-Illan cited the 1976 Entebbe raid, when Israel rescued hostages held by hijackers in Uganda, as a precedent. "The fight against terrorism is universal and the Americans have decided that they will not accept any sovereignty when pursuing terrorists that have killed Americans. This is the way things must be done, if the governments in the countries where terrorists operate are not willing to do anything against them."

However, Jibril Rajoub, the Palestinian security chief, said Mr Netanyahu should not expect any mass arrests of Hamas members by the Palestinian police. His officers would arrest only those genuinely suspected of criminal activity, he said.

He condemned the suicide bombings, but added that the Israeli Government must accept some of the blame because of its support for Jewish settlements and other acts of provocation against the Palestinians.

Mr Netanyahu told Dennis Ross, the US special envoy, yesterday that Israel had fulfilled its commitments under the peace accords.

☐ **Washington:** Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State, returned for emergency meetings in Washington last night, demanding security guarantees from Yassir Arafat as the United States attempted to bring momentum to an otherwise hobbled Middle East peace process (Tom Rhodes writes). Mrs Albright, who has not visited the Middle East since her appointment, found herself at the centre of criticism over lack of US involvement in a process mainly driven by Washington.

"We must not allow terror to succeed in its aim of killing our hope and our search for peace," she said. "But at the moment the focus of all those committed to peace must be squarely on security."

Jerusalem market vendors back at work in shadow of death

By Ross Dunn

ISRAELI resilience was on display yesterday in the open market in Jerusalem. Less than 24 hours after two suicide bombers killed 13 Israelis in the Mahane Yehuda, stall owners resumed trading.

Although the patrons might not have been as numerous as before, many vendors were confident that sales would return to normal.

Still, the anger could not be contained. One shopkeeper cried: "Where are we, where are we that this could happen?"

Another shouted: "What are the Palestinians doing here? We are the Palestinians, we have lived here for generations. What do they want from us? Let them go to Jordan, to Syria."

The early reopening of the market was due to the efforts of employees who worked through the night to clear away debris from the blasts. However, not all the work was finished in time. Some shopowners could be seen still sorting through the shambles of their establishments, while electricians worked to reconnect power lines.

One vendor said he expected to be operating in about a week. He was receiving government support but questioned whether increased security would prevent more terrorist attacks. "I don't know if it will help, because you know, they [the Palestinians] look like us," he said.

The security forces obviously felt they could make a difference. Hundreds of police and soldiers were stationed in and around the area, while government officials visited the site to assess the full extent of the damage. The officials walked along pedestrian lanes, crowded with customers and curious onlookers.

Among the visitors was Yaakov Neeman, the Finance Minister, who said he was there to assess "the humanitarian problems of people who were injured, people who had suffered, businesses which have financial problems, people who have tremendous problems of survival".

He promised: "We will deal with it immediately."

☐ Ramallah: The Palestinian Legislative Council yesterday gave Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian Authority President, one month to dissolve his Cabinet and appoint a new one after a corruption inquiry.

Legislators said the 88-member council voted 56-1 to urge Mr Arafat to appoint a new Cabinet with "qualified and experienced ministers" by September.

"We hope Arafat will respond to our resolution because the Cabinet must be changed," Ahmed Korei, the Speaker of the council, said. *(Reuter)*

WORLD SUMMARY

Smuggled migrants marooned

Athens: Hundreds of mainly Kurdish illegal immigrants stranded on a ship that suffered a power failure in the Aegean Sea told Greek authorities yesterday that they paid $2,000 (£1,234) each to be smuggled from Turkey to Italy.

Greek authorities said the Ukrainian-registered *Sohol* was carrying 303 illegal aliens, including 26 children and 30 babies. The three Ukrainian crew left the ship, apparently to fetch food, but never returned. *(Reuter)*

Holocaust plea

New York: Alfred Defago, the Swiss Ambassador to America, has written to a federal judge in Brooklyn urging him to throw out a class action lawsuit brought by Jewish organisations to force Swiss banks to surrender assets belonging to Holocaust victims (Tunku Varadarajan writes). He said the suit would interfere with "voluntary" efforts in Switzerland to account for the funds. Hearings in the case began yesterday.

£2m damages

Hong Kong: Kristan Phillips, 47, an American timpanist with the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra, who suffered damage to his brain and nervous system when he inhaled fumes from Diazinon, a pesticide, at the Academy for Performing Arts was awarded almost £2 million damages and £8 million costs. Viba-Geigy (Hong Kong) Limited must pay the biggest share.

Pot cropper

Los Angeles: Todd McCormick, 27, a marijuana millionaire, was jailed pending trial after police found more than 4,000 cannabis plants valued at £12.5 million in a raid on his castle (Giles Whittell writes). It was the biggest marijuana "bust" in the city's history, but activists said the drug was for medical use.

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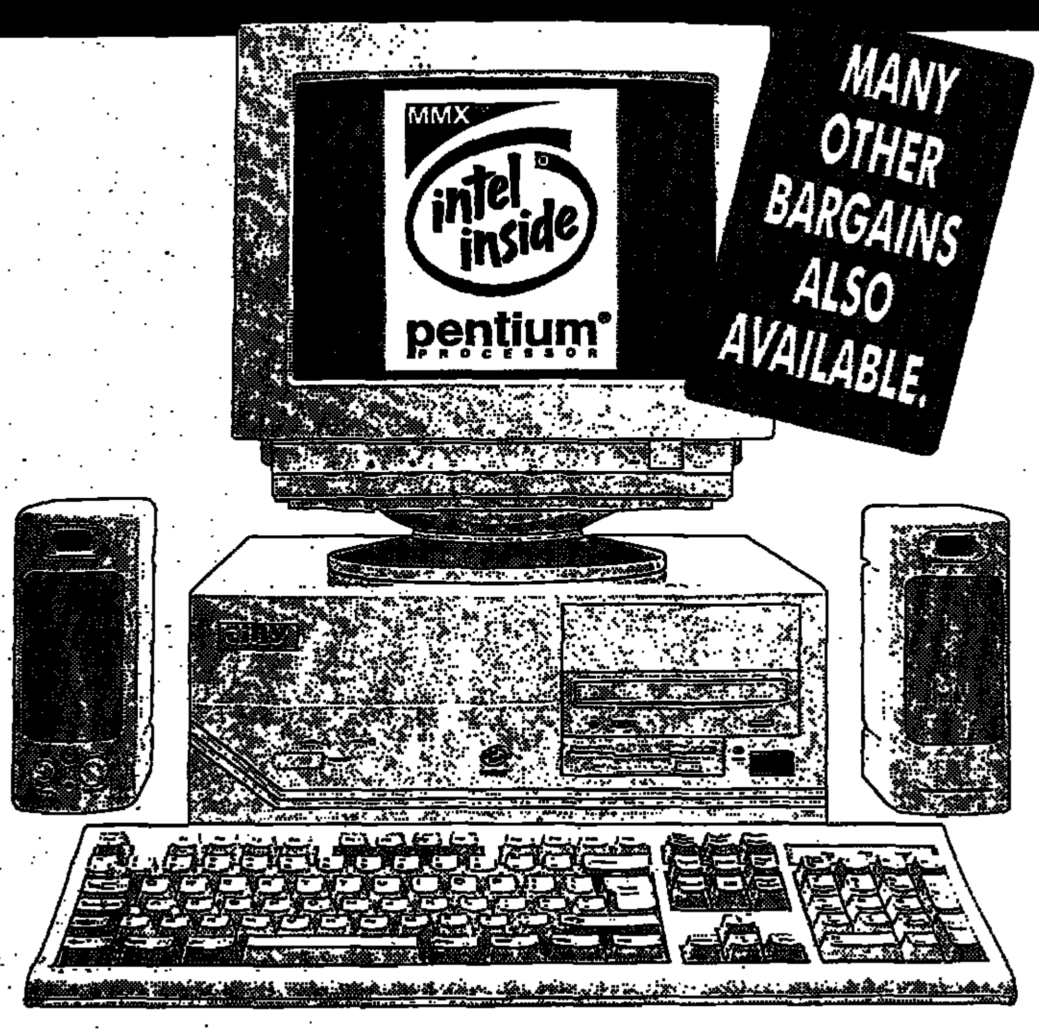

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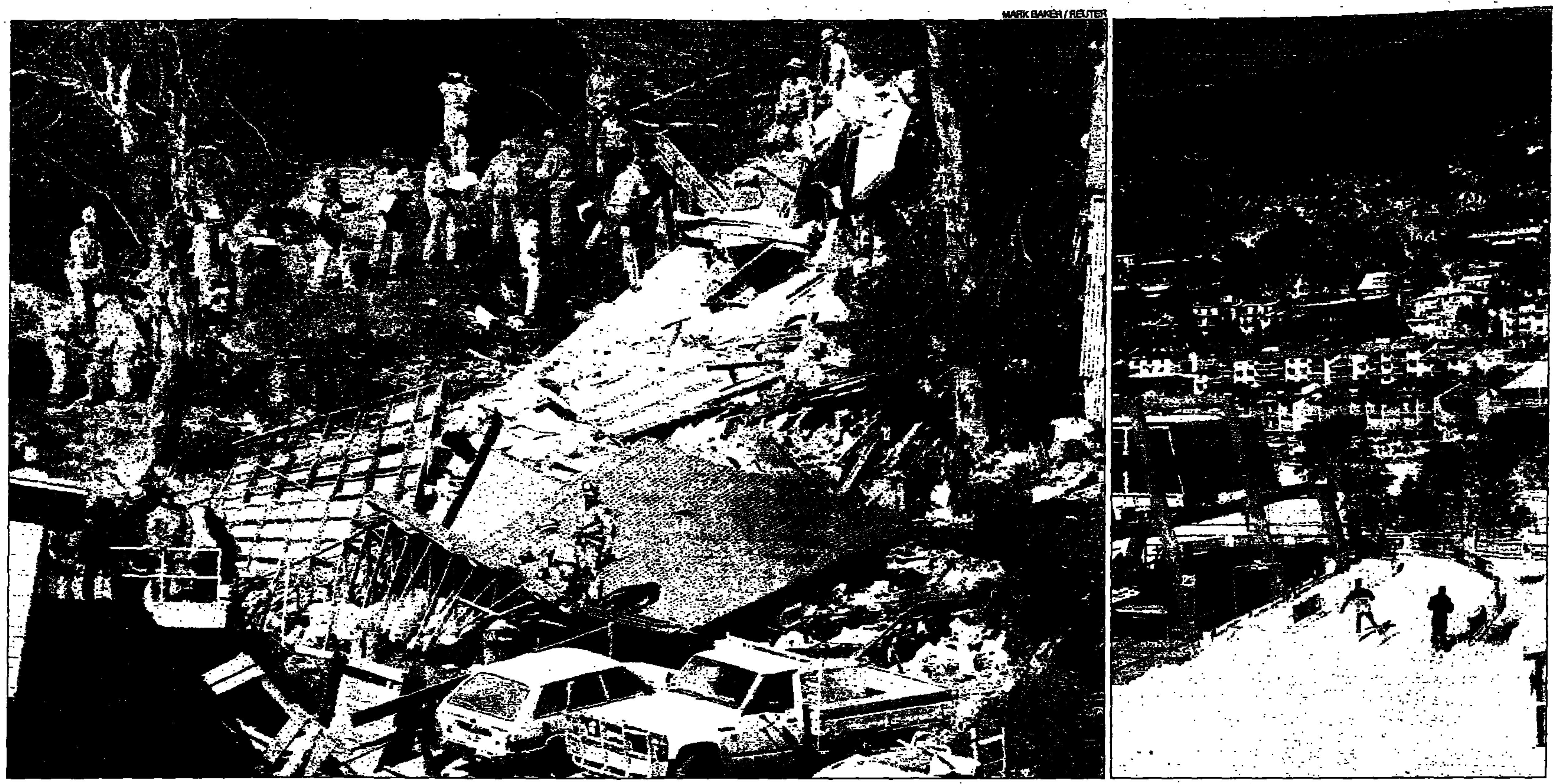
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Rescue workers sift through the remains of two ski lodges destroyed when a landslide hit the Snowy Mountain resort of Thredbo. Heat-seeking equipment has revealed no sign of life

Ski lodge rescue hopes fade

Fears of triggering further landslides are hampering rescue work at the Thredbo resort where 19 people are still missing, writes **Rachel Bridge** in Sydney

RESCUERS last night continued to dig with their hands through the freezing ruins of two Australian ski lodges hit *by Wednesday's landslide.*

Eleven men and eight *women were still buried under* tonnes of debris at the *Thredbo resort, 250 miles* southwest of Sydney. Heat-sensitive equipment showed no signs of life. One body has been recovered so far. It is believed to be that of a woman who had been out on a midnight stroll with her husband.

Glenn Milne, an Australian television journalist holidaying at Thredbo, was sleeping in his lodge when the slide hit. "*It struck like a tornado* hitting the building. We were a bit over a metre and a half away. You virtually stepped off the the steps at the side of our lodge on to the rubble," he said.

Mr Milne said cries were heard beneath the debris. "We could hear three voices. We tried to form a human chain and pull the rubble out, but as we did the cars teetering on *the edge of the concrete pans* were in danger of coming down on top of us."

Rescuers worked through the night in sub-zero temperatures under floodlights, delicately prising away rubble under the threat of further slides. Emergency teams were forced to wait 12 hours before they were allowed into the collapsed area.

Bruce Johnston, a police *superintendent,* said the efforts were hampered by fears of further collapse. "It's like a pack of cards. If we move something, we have to *be quite sure that something* else isn't going to fall."

He added: "There are no signs of life at all, but we are *hopeful.* One has to be honest, the hope is diminishing."

He said the exercise, involving more than 200 rescuers working in 12-hour shifts, would take at least two days of "methodical work".

Ron Stiebel, a regular Thredbo skier, was undressing for bed and looking out of his window as the landslide ripped past. "It was just like someone was emptying a *giant vacuum-cleaner bag," he* said. "It sounded like it was a jet fighter taking off, or an express train going past."

John Bouropolous, another *witness, said: "I heard this* big wind howling that lasted for a *few seconds, then I saw the* windows shake and then there was silence. Another couple of metres and we would have been history."

The landslide swept through the Carinya lodge, where one person was believed to be sleeping, and downhill onto the Bimbadeen lodge, where 18 staff members were staying. Many of the resort employees were Americans. Among the victims are believed to be an American-born couple who are ski instructors and the promotions manager of the resort.

Kerry Muller, a youth hostel manager who was among *the first at the scene, said* three of her best friends were inside *one of the buried lodges,* including the American ski instructor.

The landslide occurred just before midnight at a time when Thredbo, at an altitude of 4,494ft, was packed with thousands of Australian and foreign visitors. The resort sits on a ridge facing the snow-covered mountain range of the Kosciuszko National Park. Australia's ski season runs from June to October, but has started slowly this year as little *snow has fallen.*

Nature blamed for landslide

SCIENTISTS have blamed nature, not man's interference, for the landslide in Thredbo (Rachel Bridge writes). Environmentalists *had said over-development of* the ski resort might be responsible.

Ian Plimer, a Melbourne University professor, said soil condition and natural subsidence meant the landslide was inevitable. "Steep alpine areas with thin soils and saturated soils are going to move," he said. "They've done it for thousands of years, and they'll continue to do it for thousands more."

Geologists believe an *underground spring may have* destabilised the mountainside. Professer *Russell Blong,* of the Natural Hazards Research Centre, *said that water* was the most likely cause. "*Most landslides are caused* by earthquakes or occur after *heavy rainfalls.* In this case, it is probably the result of subsurface water movement," he said.

The Kosciusko National Park has been the scene of many landslides. Five years ago several townships in the area were isolated for a week when a mudslide cut off the access roads.

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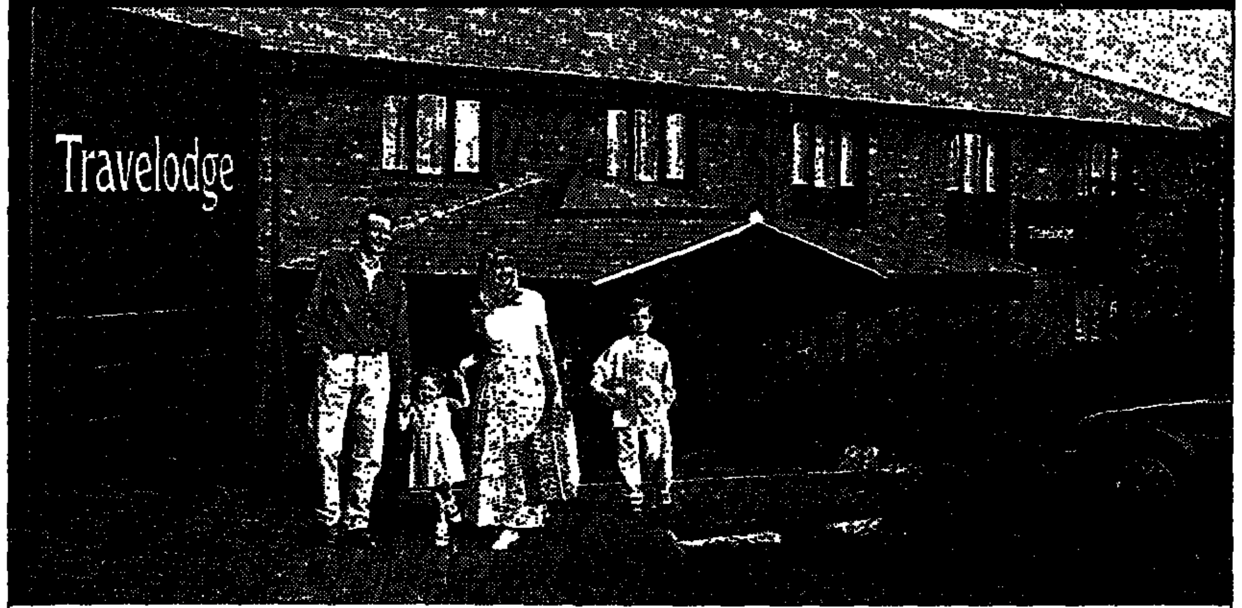

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Kant: thoughts on marital counselling

Shrinks suffer an anxiety crisis

By Tunku Varadarajan
in New York

SUFFERING from acute "shrink fatigue", New Yorkers are turning away from psychiatrists to a stylish new source of therapy — the "philosophical counsellor".

Bearing the message that Plato is better than Prozac, philosophers have taken on the lucrative burden of healing the city's angst. Someone going through a mid-life crisis, they argue, is not suffering from a pathology but a "crisis of values".

Led by Louis Marinoff, a professor of philosophy at New York's City College, the boom is causing shrinks to panic. Many are cutting their formidable fees to compete with those who spout Heidegger and Hobbes.

Speaking to the *New York Observer*, Professor Marinoff cited a recent case where he treated a woman who complained that her dead brother's spirit was troubling her. "Psychotherapists would say she is recreating the guilt triggered by her brother's death. But it may be possible, according to some philosophical systems, that there *was* something there. I am there to help the client understand her belief system."

Marital problems are another area where the philosophers believe they have an edge over the Freudian "couch men".

"We would have a talk about what is expected from one another in marriage, what the duties and rights are," he said.

In the new movement's "bible", *Essays on Philosophical Counselling*, the work of Immanuel Kant bobs up in the chapter on marital counselling; the gloomy Dane, Soren Kierkegaard, appears in the section on coping with death; and Socratic dialogues are portrayed as tools with which to handle drug addicts.

US ends reign of bankrupt capital's mayor

From Tom Rhodes in Washington

THE squabbling forces of the White House and Congress united against one man yesterday, reaching agreement on a far-reaching plan to strip power from Marion Barry, Washington's Mayor, and take charge of government in the beleaguered American capital for at least four years.

In an unprecedented proposal, attached to tax legislation fast reaching its final passage in Congress, a presidentially appointed financial board will provide the bankrupt city with billions of dollars and sharply restrict the limited self-government Washington achieved in its Home Rule Charter of 1973.

Mr Barry, who was re-elected for a fourth term three years ago, denounced the move as a return to the days when Washington was considered the last white colony in the United States. He said the White House and Congress had conspired in what he described as a "rape of democracy".

Invoking the language of the civil rights era, Mr Barry said: "Freedom, democracy and self-determination are hallmarks of a free and empowered people."

In essence, the plan would provide billions of dollars in long-term federal funding for Washington and hundreds of millions in tax breaks to spur economic growth. The $4.9 billion (£3 billion) pension shortfall in the District of Columbia would be transferred to the federal Government while the district could borrow $300 million for ten years from the US Treasury to ease its cash flow.

Most of the Mayor's authority would be transferred to the control board, which has been ordered to improve everything from poor housing to the abysmal condition of the city's streets and healthcare programmes for the poor.

At the heart of the programme appeared to be the single motive of ending the reign of a man deemed an embarrassment by both Democrats and Republicans. In 1990, after 12 years in which he oversaw the worst decline in the city's standards, Mr Barry was filmed by secret FBI cameras smoking "crack" cocaine with a former model in a hotel room. He was jailed for six months, but re-emerged in 1994 as a man reborn, who had renounced drugs and alcohol.

Playing to the polarised nature of the capital as a saviour against white oppression, he was re-elected, but has failed to improve either the financial circumstances or the state of the capital.

Colleagues believe the bold decision yesterday will only help to empower Mr Barry among the largely black underclass in Washington.

"It is a hydra-headed monster created to get rid of one man," said Sterling Tucker, a former council chairman. "It makes him a martyr, and he is a man very much at ease with martyrdom."

Washington officially became the country's first black majority city in the 1960 census. More than 70 per cent of the population is black and yet it is still known as the last colony, controlled ultimately by the white business elite and perhaps now by white politicians in Congress. The city sprawls over 69 square miles.

Thomas Davis, a Republican congressman from northern Virginia, said Mr Barry was personally responsible for the new loss of authority, accusing the Mayor of playing a Nero-like role in the city's affairs, travelling abroad as Washington burned.

Barry: accused critics of "raping democracy"

MICHAEL SYPNIEWSKI / AP

A damaged Federal Express MD11 cargo plane lies upside down on the runway at Newark International Airport in New Jersey yesterday after it crashed, flipped over and burst into flames while attempting to land. The five people aboard managed to escape through a cockpit window with only minor injuries and they were all later released from hospital. The flight had originated in Anchorage, Alaska

Cockroaches are target of latest purge in China

From Jonathan Mirsky in Hong Kong

CHINA'S newest mass campaign has begun: "Everyone get busy, wipe out cockroaches." Beijing residents were urged yesterday to spray insecticide twice during August, and rubbish collection is to be improved.

It is unlikely that the campaign, although worthy, will have more of an effect in Beijing than it would in Hong Kong, which is the opposite in terms of public hygiene but is nonetheless cockroach-ridden.

Anyone over the age of 15 in China will sigh at the thought of yet another campaign. They are a Party hallmark. In the 1950s Chinese were ordered to eliminate flies, rats and sparrows, the latter because they were accused of eating huge quantities of grain. Millions of people banged pots and pans until the birds, with no place to alight, fell exhausted and were killed. Flies multiplied.

Rats survived because when people were ordered to bring in rat tails to show they had fulfilled their quotas, many cut them into segments rather than catch more rats.

Many campaigns have been bloodthirsty and were ultimately reversed. In the early years of the Communist period, millions of landlords were killed. During the Cultural Revolution the targets were "the stinking ninth category" — intellectuals. This had been foreshadowed in the 1950s by the "Hundred Flowers" campaign when intellectuals were encouraged to criticise the Party; this was reversed in the "Anti-Rightist campaign" when they were purged.

In that period, too, Chinese were enjoined to "Learn from Dazhai", a model commune with astonishing crop yields. In the early 1980s, with Maoism on the wane, Dazhai was exposed as a corrupt place in secret receipt of government food supplies.

Also in the late 1950s, during the "Great Leap Forward", peasants eager to show their admiration for Mao vastly exaggerated their crop yields. This led to three years of the worst famine in world history, in which 30 to 50 million people died.

There have been campaigns over the years against Confucius, who was subsequently "rehabilitated". Deng Xiaoping was "smashed and dragged out", together with his family in 1966, but later hailed as the saviour of China.

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WORLD IN BRIEF

Holbrooke briefed on Bosnia talks

London: Robin Cook yesterday briefed Richard Holbrooke, the former American State Department official who negotiated the Bosnian peace agreement at Dayton, on his meetings with the former belligerents in advance of Mr Holbrooke's visit to Bosnia next week (Michael Binyon writes).

Mr Holbrooke will reinforce the sharp message the Foreign Secretary delivered in Sarajevo and Zagreb that not enough was being doing to implement the Dayton agreements. There are hopes that Mr Holbrooke will also see President Milosevic, the Serbian leader, who was on holiday during Mr Cook's visit.

General's promotion blocked

Washington: William Cohen, the Defence Secretary, has blocked the promotion of Brigadier-General Terryl Schwalier, who was in charge of the Dhahran barracks in Saudi Arabia where 19 US airmen were killed in a terrorist attack last year (Tom Rhodes writes). A Pentagon review found shortcomings in security at the barracks. Mr Cohen's decision came after General Ronald Fogleman, Air Force Chief of Staff, asked for early retirement. He had said he would stand down if any senior officer were held responsible for lax security over the bombing.

US killer buried in Sicily

Palermo: The body of Joseph O'Dell, the murderer and rapist executed in Virginia last week, was buried in a cemetery here (Francesco Bongarra writes). His wife and sister were at the graveside. O'Dell was buried in the Sicilian capital because he was granted honorary citizenship last year by Leoluca Orlando, the Mayor. A headstone describes the dead man as an "honorary citizen of Palermo, killed by Virginia, USA, in the name of a merciless and brutal justice system".

EU to ban 'deadly' seafood

Brussels: The European Union is set to outlaw shrimp and other seafood imports worth $350 million (£216 million) from India, Madagascar and Bangladesh because of food-poisoning fears, officials said. The ban follows the discovery of hygiene deficiencies at seafood processing and production units, including cases of seafood infected with the potentially deadly bacteria vibrio — which causes cholera — and salmonella. *(AP)*

Vatican names British envoy

Rome: Archbishop Pablo Puente, a Vatican diplomat who helped to arrange the papal visit to Beirut in May, was named by the Pope as Vatican envoy to Britain. The Spanish-born Mgr Puente, 67, has served as the Vatican's Ambassador to Lebanon and Kuwait since 1989. The Beirut visit had been on hold since 1994 when the trip was called off for security reasons. *(AP)*

Spanish child porn ring used secret files

From Giles Tremlett
in Madrid

A SPANISH child pornography and prostitution ring used official medical and social services records to draw up a list of vulnerable children as young as five.

Police in Barcelona said more than 30 children were abused by the gang, which distributed the pornographic material around Europe.

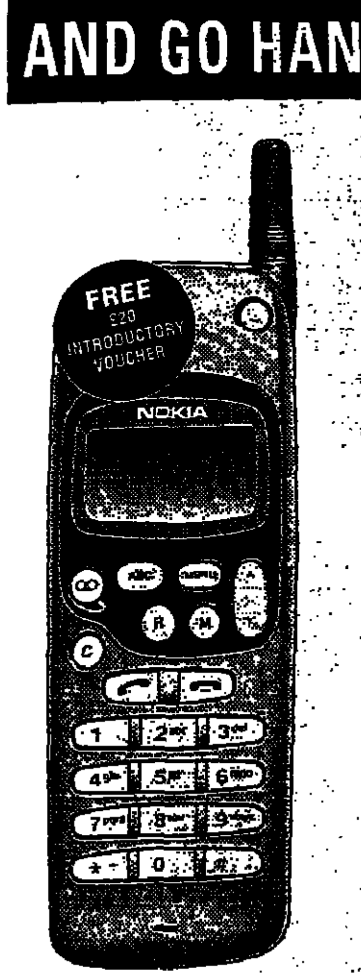
José María Aznar, the Prime Minister, said he was "extremely concerned" by the investigation. "There will be new laws so that these sort of people can be pursued and tried more efficiently," he promised.

A local politician and the former head of a children's day centre were among 12 people arrested in the first stage of the operation. Hundreds of videos and photographs were confiscated. Police said they suspected the ring had been operating for nearly a decade.

Many of the videos were exported to other European countries. Some were seized by French police in April when they questioned 800 people in a nationwide crackdown on peadophiles.

The gang selected its victims from one of the poorest districts of Barcelona. Children were identified from records which showed them to be from broken or troubled homes. They were then approached on the street and were tempted with gifts and trips.

Police were unable to explain how the gang had obtained the computer files.



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Quiet American invades Russia

The launch of *Vogue* in Russia is Jonathan Newhouse's latest coup. Interview by **Jason Cowley**

As a young student at Yale, Jonathan Newhouse felt divided over his fabulous birthright. The scion of a publishing empire, he knew that he was expected to follow his father and cousins into the family business. But it was the early 1970s and his thoughts were full of rebellion and escape: he wanted to paint (he was reading fine art at Yale), to travel, to pursue creative interests.

"It was the time of the Vietnam War, there were riots on the streets and many young people were questioning the values of the older generation," he says. "I had very mixed feelings about the family business; it was not something I embraced automatically."

> 'It doesn't suit us to call attention to ourselves'

Time moves on: Jonathan Newhouse, 45, is today considered, together with his cousin Steven, as a future leader of Advance Publications, the privately owned Newhouse family enterprise which *Fortune* magazine values at between $8 billion and $10 billion. The family's wealth is founded on ownership of more than 20 regional newspapers; several major cable television operations; the Condé Nast magazine group, whose flagship publications include *Vogue* and *Vanity Fair*, and the book publishing group Random House. They own, too, arguably the best magazine in the world, *The New Yorker*.

The chairman of Advance Publications is the reclusive, driven Si Newhouse, Jonathan's first cousin and eldest son of the late family patriarch, Sam Newhouse, who emerged from the crumbling tenements of the immigrant quarter of New York's Lower East Side to galvanise the family's aspirations. Si Newhouse may be, as Jonathan says, in robust health, but he is also approaching 70; he must surely be considering his succession. If so, Jonathan is handily placed: since 1989 he has driven the global expansion of Conde Nast International while transforming its profitability.

The emerging economies of the Asian "tiger" countries and those in the old Eastern bloc are important markets. Flush with new wealth, people in these countries appear dazzled by Western luxury goods and designer labels. Newhouse has cannily responded by launching *Vogue* in Korea and Taiwan, and *GQ* in Japan; yesterday afternoon he announced, in partnership with Russian publishers SK Communications International, his most notable expansion: a Russian edition of *Vogue*.

He is thrilled that what he calls a "symbol of luxury, consumerism and capitalism" should be embraced so enthusiastically in the former Soviet Union. "To think that ten years ago this was a communist country and now *Vogue* is opening there . . ."

The first Russian editions of Western magazines such as *Playboy*, *Cosmopolitan* and *Elle* were launched almost three years ago — and have prospered. Condé Nast, though, was more cautious. Newhouse says: "As a company, we tend not to be the first into a market because we appeal to the more upmarket elements in it. So we can only go into a market when our readers and advertisers are ready for us. This is the case in Russia.

"We see Russia as a very fertile market for the future. Russians are currently the most aggressive consumers on the planet; they occupy the same place as the Japanese in the Eighties and the Arabs in the Seventies. In luxury shops all over the world, the biggest and best customers are now Russian. If you walk into a restaurant in Russia you see women dressed from head to toe in Chanel and Versace. You don't see this in London or New York."

The vulgarity and lawlessness of contemporary Russia, with its mafia gangs and prostitutes, its *nouveaux riches* flaunting their Versace medallions and Chanel "double Cs", is of no concern to Newhouse. "Look, we are from Condé Nast, not Interpol," he says, laughing. "Whether a woman is a princess or a prostitute she still has to dress herself; if she has wealth and taste, or aspires to those things, the magazine she is going to turn to first is *Vogue*. Whether the money is being made dishonestly is not our concern."

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Jonathan Newhouse no longer feels daunted by the family fortune. "Wealth brings ease, freedom and protection, but, in itself, it's not what's satisfying or important in life"

In America, the Newhouses exert a compelling fascination. What is perceived as their secretiveness and inscrutability, their dogged loyalty to one another, frustrates as much as it intrigues. The family abjures publicity. Sam Newhouse's maxim that "nothing matters more than the family" is a guiding principle.

Jonathan Newhouse says: "Sure, we value our privacy as a family. We were all taught to conduct ourselves with discretion. It doesn't suit us to call attention to ourselves. As Jews from New York owning newspapers throughout the country, we thought it wise to keep a low profile."

Unlike great newspaper proprietors such as Randolph Hearst, they had no wider political ambitions. "The typical newspaper proprietor in the early part of the century used newspapers for political and personal power. Our goal in owning newspapers was to maintain the quality and health of the papers themselves. We aren't Howard Hughes types, we aren't being obsessive — we just don't want to call attention to ourselves."

Did being Jewish in America have anything to do with their reticence? "It wasn't and has never been a problem, but maybe there was a time when it could have been."

The journey of the Newhouse family, in just two generations, from the teeming ghettos to one of the largest privately held fortunes in the US, is a metaphor for modern America. He agrees that "our journey typifies the American dream of arriving with nothing and building a success".

His grandfather, Meier Neuhaus, certainly had nothing when he arrived in New York from Russia, having fled Tsarist pogroms. The son of a rabbi, he was debilitatingly poor, and scraped a living by making braces. "My grandfather, whom I never knew, was a poor man and in bad health. My uncle [Sam] was the success at business. He built the business, originally by borrowing and scraping money together to buy his first newspaper [the *Staten Island Advance*, from which Advance Publications derives its name], and then slowly expanding it."

Like his father, Norman, Jonathan Newhouse began his career in the production department of one of the family newspapers, learning how to set hot type. He progressed quickly, working in jobs of increasing responsibility before Si Newhouse moved him into magazines. In 1989, he was appointed chief executive of Condé Nast International and moved to Paris.

He enjoyed the city and his work, but was locked into a deteriorating marriage (his first wife, Deborah, now lives in New York with their two young daughters, Emily and Nora).

One afternoon, Newhouse visited a clairvoyant who told him that he would soon meet the love of his life and move to a "land surrounded by water". Shortly afterwards, he renewed acquaintance with Ronnie Cooke, who was to become his second wife.

They had first met while he was publisher and she was creative director of *Details* magazine. "I was married when we first met, so our relationship was purely professional. We kept in touch over the years and I even tried to hire her a couple of times." After his divorce, they met again in Paris. "Things worked out and we decided, in the end, to move to London."

They married in Richmond register office in June 1995. Ronnie, though, has spent most of the past year commuting by Concorde between London and New York, where she works as creative director of Calvin Klein. He feels her absence keenly. As a result, she has not renewed her contract with Calvin Klein and is returning permanently to London, working on freelance assignments. Newhouse says: "We have been apart a little too much recently. Let me put it this way, I kissed Versace more recently than I kissed my wife."

He describes Ronnie as the love of his life. "She is a brilliant, talented, vibrant, wonderful person; we have a very passionate relationship."

His greatest pain remains his separation from his children. "I talk to them every day and write to them. I see them on holidays and I go back once a month, sometimes twice, but this isn't nearly enough. It's terribly painful to be separated from them."

He pauses, shifts uneasily in his chair. "What astounds me about the British," he continues, "is how they can send their children away to school. To me, children are the most precious things in the world."

There is nothing imperious about Jonathan Newhouse. His conversation is engagingly colloquial, free from the clichés and jargon of so much contemporary business discourse. A small, shy man, he is disarmingly polite.

He no longer feels daunted by the wealth and expectation of the family legacy. "One lives one's life as a person: you get up, do your work and take care of your family. Wealth brings ease, freedom and protection, but, in itself, it's not what's satisfying or important in life." So what is? "My family and my work."

Or, to echo Sam Newhouse: "The ties that matter are the ties to each other."

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Sushi – the kebab of the 1990s?

The cold fish has reached our high street, mourns **Nick Foulkes**

There is a moment at the end of *Withnail and I* when the drug dealer announces that the spirit of the Sixties is coming to an end because hippy wigs are on sale at Woolworth.

I know what he means. It is difficult not to feel the same way about sushi.

It is not so much that Japan's appetite for the stuff is supposed to be in danger of causing the "commercial" extinction of the southern bluefin tuna: rather the sight of boxes of sushi in Pret a Manger.

That this admirable chain of sandwich bars now flogs sushi, along with cappuccino and an ersatz Soho atmosphere, means that, according to Peter York, the style guru, the trend for lumps of congealed rice, topped with cold fish, "has had it as far as fashionable people are concerned".

Sushi has become the kebab of the 1990s. It had to happen, but there will be those who mourn its passing into the mainstream. There was something wonderfully naive about the way that sushi was embraced by the self-appointed fashionable elite of Britain.

The Eighties was a time when Japan enjoyed cultural and economic hegemony the world over. Readers of the then nascent style press would drool over technoporn — loving intimate pictures of the latest miniature camera, microscopic solar-powered radio or sleek hi-fi system. Many people even got out of bed and slept on the floor — remember futons?

"People were craven about aspects of Japanese culture," York says. "Sushi suited people who liked to have obscure, nasty, raw food. Nobody in their right mind likes raw food. I went there [Japan]. I had it. It was nasty."

But back in those days York was in a minority. During the early Eighties Andrea Riva, proprietor of the famed eponymous Barnes restaurant, went into business with Lord Lichfield, the Hon Henry Smith and Eddie Lim and opened a restaurant called Pier 31 on Cheyne Walk. "It was quite nouvelle cuisine-ish,"

Once fashionable, now mainstream

Riva says, "but as starters we had sushi and sashimi: seabass, salmon and tuna. People were going more for that than the other things."

Not one to miss a burgeoning culinary trend, Riva installed a sushi bar and shipped in a sushi chef. "He came from a dynasty of sushi chefs. The way they cut the fish goes from father to son, it is more a ritual than a way of preparing food," Riva says.

"We used to do sushi boats. We served it in a little boat and the customers must have felt as if it had come all the way from Japan because it took the guy so long to cut the sushi up."

Nevertheless, sushi slipped into the Wall Street lifestyle easily enough. A bottle or two of Cristal was ordered to start with, then some overpriced and overoaked Oz chardonnay with the sushi. After which it was a bottle of port or a line or two of coke . . . leaving just enough time to wrap the Porsche around a lamppost before getting up at 5am to go to the gym before closing that deal.

However, not all sushi's new devotees quite knew how to face this delicacy. There were tales of customers who ate everything including the little green plastic leaves on which the sushi was presented — a little chewy perhaps, but palatable once smothered in wasabi, soy sauce and shredded ginger.

The key to sushi's success was that it had been endorsed by America.

"It has those Californian overtones that it is good for you and the heart," York says. Riva sees the popularity of sushi as analogous with the rise of the cooking of his native Northern Italy. "Like everything that becomes popular, sushi did not come directly to England from Japan and Northern Italian food did not come directly from Italy. They came via America. Sushi and polenta have existed for centuries but to be accepted in England they needed to be baptised in New York or Los Angeles."

These days Pier 31 is a car showroom and sushi is being eaten by secretaries who want a bit of a change from their Philadelphia cheese sandwiches. There is nothing wrong with this, it is just that sushi is not what it used to be.

What is interesting is to try to define what the late 1990s riposte to cold fish and rice might be. Given the excruciating trendiness of Momo, just off Regent Street, might not the food of North Africa become the hip thing? Any chef worthy of his own TV slot is bound to be brushing up on his couscous. And, as regards cultural hegemony, I have seen a few pieces about houses in North Africa in definitive opinion-forming mags.

If you want to get on the couscous trail you'd better hurry — Marks & Spencer does an extremely tasty, readymade couscous with vegetables.

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Sitting pretty: women have made advances in almost every field but they still sit around waiting to be asked out by men, unable to pluck up the courage to take the lead

Why girls can't make the first move ...

Post-feminism hasn't made the dating game any easier for women, says **Imogen Edwards-Jones.** And, right, **Sean Langan** explains how men are clinging to power

I am primed, ready and Lycra-ed up, trying to look "money" — *Swingers*-speak for good, from the hit film of the summer about young men on the pull. I am sitting at the bar and I feel groovy. I've had eye contact for ages and I've been flicking my hair and doing the old lipstick pout for some time. It's now or never.

I take a deep breath, knock back my vodka and mince my way towards his table. Halfway there, I suddenly change direction and make a tactical break for the loo. Why is it, after all the glass ceilings we've shattered and the liberated advances we've made, that girls still can't ask a boy out on a date?

When I say can't, I actually mean won't, because these days a girl can do anything and everything. She can have a job, a career, babies, even babies *and* a career. She can dance, roller-skate and sing rubbish pop songs all at the same time. We sassy under-30 babes are the new feisty girl generation. We've got girl power. We imbibed feminism in the milk of our hessian-touting, tank-top sporting mothers. And then we reworked it.

Our generation chose to underwire their bras, not burn them. We're the sexy minxes who chop the masculinity off executive toys. We're the girls who ditched the dungarees and popped on lipstick. We're post-feminists and yet we're still too wet to invite boys out for a drink.

What are we afraid of? While the boys are all donning their Don Juan personas, or in the case of *Swingers*, reclaiming the Rat Pack cool of Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin, we girls are useless. All boys ever say is: "Er, no thanks darlin'" and then turn away for a giggle with their friends. How frightening can that be in the grand scheme of rejections? Well, quite frightening, actually. For as Margaret Leroy describes in her book *Some Girls Do* — one of those psychobabble, self-help tomes about women making the first move, published last month (HarperCollins, £9.99) — I'm a girl who does. Or, if I'm being honest, I'm a girl who used to.

In my student days, I used to go out regularly with my girlfriends to chat up boys. Not that we were always successful. In fact, we rarely had any luck. But back then our failure was amusing. Something to be discussed at length over a pint of scrumpy in the pub.

All of this was, of course, pre-wonder woman and those confident seducers who get their figures back 30 seconds after giving birth. They have ruined it for the rest of us. Rejection is no longer something that can be laughed off in the back of the car on the way home with the girls. These days it sends you off to the shrink. However, there are some people who believe that women are in control of the dating game. It's the girls, they say, who do the chasing, pursuing and the rejecting. A delicate hair flick here, a short skirt there, and Bob's putty in your hands.

But ask anyone who has spent hours waiting by the telephone, madly punching out 1471 on the off chance that *he* has called, and they'll tell you that the idea of women being in control is a load of old Spice Girl. Boys don't do telephone hell. They don't do driving past the house at 3am just to see if the lights are on. They don't agonise about the opposite sex the way women do. They don't spontaneously take up hobbies, hound with midnight telephone calls or read other people's star signs. Remember Glenn Close in *Fatal Attraction*? Boys will chat up a girl and, if it works, they're pleased; if not, there's always football.

But that still doesn't deter some of us. Sometimes, usually after over-indulging in alcohol, we choose to forget that men hold most of the dating cards. We ignore the fact that as they have lost out on almost everything else in recent years, they're desperate to keep this final deck firmly clutched to their chests. So keen are they to keep this advantage that there seems to be a new breed of man on the block. A sort of points-scoring man who hangs around after giving you the brush-off so that he can see your humiliation. A man who won't leave you alone after he's told you to go away.

It was after an encounter with one of these that I finally gave up thinking that I could control the dating game. For not only did he turn me down, but he ended up picking me up off a pavement and popping me into the back of a taxi afterwards.

His patronising, knight-in-shining-suit act was just too much. This new "I don't fancy you, but I'd like to be your friend" type of bloke is really enough to put a girl off the dating game for good.

Rejection we can just about cope with, but best friends? Forget it.

And why men wish they would

Men who work in the City can't close the deal: sportsmen drop the ball: pilots crash and burn, while writers lose the plot. When it comes to chatting up women, there are a million ways to fail. And like Eskimos, who have many different words for snow, men have an infinite number of phrases for when a woman says no.

Making the first move is probably a man's last preserve. It's the only male bastion that women have no interest in liberating, but it is the first thing most men would concede. When it comes to chatting up the opposite sex, men are crying for equality. Give us the hammer: we will smash that glass ceiling for you.

Like most modern men, I've had to learn the art of politically correct seduction, an oxymoronic term that requires both a feminine touch and testosterone. And yet I've lost count of how many times I've been shot down.

Before the days of sexual equality, it was only fair that men should bear the responsibility for taking the lead. But those days are gone, thankfully, and yet a man's still gotta do what a woman won't. Sure, women don't mind paying for the meal nowadays. But then I would gladly pay to see someone squirm for two hours, and then have the pleasure of deciding their fate with a thumbs up or down.

Oh what hell it must be to have to sit in a bar and wait for a man to come over; oh what hell it must be to have to wait for a man to telephone. What on earth do these women think we're doing while they sit around all day?

We're plucking up the courage to make that long, fearsome walk across the bar, or summoning the guts to make that phone call. That's what we're doing. And they say men have a communication problem. Here's a handy tip for women: next time you want to talk, pick up the telephone.

I know what they say — it's women who control the flow, who send out all those signals for us poor dolts to read. Ah yes, those signposts, those bright green lights that help us along our way. Those signposts might as well be in Sanskrit. A sideways glance, an accidental brush of the knee, a flick of the hair ... what on earth are you trying to tell us? Why can't you just speak English? It would make life so much easier.

Just once, I would like to sit in judgment as a woman asks me: "Will you go out with me?" "Will you have sex with me?" But, of course, women don't need to ask those kind of questions. They already have the answers.

Fond memories of Ronnie Biggs

Age has caught up with Ronnie Biggs — and the policeman who failed to do the same is fretting about him. "He has no life left in him, no fire in his eyes," says Jack Slipper, the former Scotland Yard detective whose life has been dominated by one of the most captivating cat and mouse chases in criminal history.

Now, as possible extradition and prison in Britain stare the Great Train Robber in the face, Biggs is too tired to run. Slipper, meanwhile, far from rejoicing, thinks the old rogue should be left where he is.

Biggs is looking old. When I last saw him in Rio de Janeiro, he would throw back his head and laughingly scorn any idea that he could ever be forced back to Britain for his role in the Great Train Robbery. Now, after hearing that Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, is to ask for his return when Brazil's extradition treaty with Britain comes into force next month, he says: "If the Brazilian Government decides I must go back, then go back I shall." He is ready to finish doing his time, he says.

> 'Mr Slipper and I have had a beer or two together'

Biggsie also seems to cling to the hope that Slipper may now offer some chance of salvation from extradition. Their relationship is a bit like the love-hate relationship which often develops between kidnapper and hostage. "Mr Slipper and I have had a beer or two together and I know he thinks it is pointless to put me in the slammer again," says Biggs, 67.

The robber was sentenced to 30 years in jail for his part in the raid on a mail train in Buckinghamshire in August, 1963, when 120 mailbags containing £2.6 million were stolen. He escaped from Wandsworth prison after serving just 15 months and has since been on the run in France and Australia before finding refuge in Brazil in 1970.

Slipper, now 73, was forced to give up the chase for Biggs in 1974 when Raimunda, the robber's Brazilian girlfriend, became pregnant. Brazilian law shields the parents of its dependents from extradition.

After retiring as Detective Chief Superintendent, the seeds of Slipper's ambiguous relationship with Biggs took root when the policeman visited the robber in Rio in 1993. By all accounts they enjoyed one another's company.

When I saw Biggs in 1995, he gurgled with pleasure about the time he took Slipper to a Japanese restaurant in one of the trendiest quarters of the Brazilian city. He had urged an unwitting Slipper to dig deep into the wasabi sauce. Biggs had watched with glee as the former policeman gasped for breath after taking a huge mouthful.

Today, Slipper is shocked by Biggs's appearance on television this week. "Did you see him? He was all wrinkled round his neck, he looked terrible. He wasn't smiling and laughing as he used to."

It is hard to believe that once, for the sheer cheek of it, Biggs manoeuvred himself to stand inches away from the former Foreign Secretary, Douglas Hurd, when the minister attended a reception at one of Rio's most expensive hotels in 1995.

"He can come over and hand me my deportation papers now," Biggs stage-whispered in my ear, much to the delight of a Yorkshire businessman accompanying the Hurd-led business delegation to Brazil. Security men travelling with Hurd seemed to recognise Biggs who flaunted his presence in the hotel, but the detectives appeared at a loss over whether to act.

Even then, though, it was obvious that Biggs was becoming increasingly homesick with advancing years. He beamed when I asked him to sign some postcards I was sending home, seeing even that as a link with Blighty, as he called the UK.

The odd thing was, none of the cards arrived.

Eve-Ann Prentice

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Don't scare tycoons away from politics

David Simon defends himself as a minister and a businessman

When the Prime Minister asked me to enter the Government as *Minister for Trade and Competitiveness in Europe* I had to think twice. You do not resign the chairmanship of a great company lightly. I was as aware of the problems as of the challenges. I thought that my appointment might attract some criticism in the Labour Party despite efforts by the leadership to transform the party's relations with the business community. But three months on I am sure I made the right decision, and astonished that resulting criticism has come not from the less "new" members of new Labour, but from an apparent champion of the free market, John Redwood.

I am a businessman, not a politician. When I took on my role I made it clear that I did not intend to enter the world of party politics, with its attendant media circus. I prefer my work to be judged by results. I do not intend for that to change now, but I do recognise that charges continue to be made about my actions. While the Opposition has been careful to stop short of alleging impropriety, three central charges have been put over the last weeks. I think it is right that I answer each of them.

The first charge is that my continuing shareholding in BP is a conflict of interest with my ministerial responsibilities. There is no substance to this charge. It is clearly sensible that ministers should avoid any suggestion that their decisions are based on personal considerations. To ensure this, ministers who hold shares are offered three alternatives on entering the government. To take no part in official business which may constitute a conflict of interest; to transfer shares to a trust, the managers of which would take decisions without reference to the minister; or to sell the shares.

My position was complicated by the fact that, as well as being a shareholder in BP, I was the chairman of the company until my appointment to government. I therefore took the view that it would be inappropriate for that reason alone to be involved in any government decisions directly affecting BP.

In addition I had considerable insider knowledge of BP and I judged that my ability to sell the shares was constrained both by insider dealing legislation and personal judgment as to what constitutes sound governance. The day I entered my new office I took advice from the Permanent Secretary at the department. I was advised to put my non-BP holdings into a blind trust, which I have done. This was not appropriate for my BP shares. It was decided that I should keep my BP shares until the situation is reviewed next January, when a further assessment of my access to insider knowledge can be made. Until then none of my BP shares will be traded. In the meantime steps have been taken to ensure that I do not allow any conflict of interest between my BP shareholding and my official business.

The second charge is that these steps have been inadequate and that I still take decisions which relate to BP. This is also totally without foundation. No BP-specific matters come before me. In all the flurry of political invective over the last few days nobody has ever suggested that I have taken any decision which specifically benefited BP. I do however take decisions on generic competitiveness issues with the aim of benefiting all UK companies. The job given to me by the Prime Minister is to help British industry compete more effectively in Europe. If I am doing my job effectively I will benefit BP as well as every other company in Britain. I make no apology for that. But attempts to claim that such generic decisions represent a conflict of interest border on the absurd. It is the equivalent of saying that the Social Security ministers should stop trying to modernise the welfare state if they are in a pension scheme.

Specifically, John Redwood has claimed that a conflict arose when I signed the Single Market Action Plan which mentioned, among many other measures, gas liberalisation. Gas liberalisation is not, in fact, being negotiated by me, even though it does not specifically relate to BP. The document I signed was simply an Explanatory Memorandum which describes a large number of Commission proposals to help complete the Single Market. It in no way amounts to a conflict of interest with my shareholding.

The third charge is that I will be avoiding tax because some of my shares are held in a Jersey trust. That also is untrue. BP does, perfectly legally, hold shares in a Jersey trust which relate to the long-term performance plan, which benefits some 350 of the BP staff. It is a long-term scheme which only pays if the company is successful. Individuals pay tax on shares as soon as they are awarded to them. I have paid full income tax on all the shares held in the trust.

I understand the Opposition and the media have a duty to ensure that the high standards in public life to which this Government is committed are being maintained. But the facts in my case simply do not support their charges and innuendos. Both the spirit and the letter of the rules have been followed in every way.

I have a thick skin and will not be deflected from the challenge of helping Britain to win in Europe. My one regret is that the row generated by the Opposition may make other businessmen wary of becoming involved in government. Indeed, the logical conclusion from some of the arguments employed by what was once the party of business seems to be that all businessmen entering government are inevitably subject to conflicts of interest and should be barred. That would be a shame for politics. It would be a shame for Britain.

Lord Simon of Highbury is Minister for Trade and Competitiveness in Europe.

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The Andes connection

Body of political sketch-writer found clutching old paperback in Peruvian gully. Remember, you read it here first

Matthew Parris

A favourite book is like a favourite person. She may not be the best. She may be no better than dozens of others you could name and she may be no better than she ought to be.

But you love her. You love her with all her faults. You love her, ready to concede without demur how easily she could be belittled, but confident you will never change your mind.

For me this book is *The Bridge of San Luis Rey*. For those who care to be correct in these things, "Luis" is Spanish, not French, and therefore the "s" is pronounced.

The author, Thornton Wilder, died in 1975. He was an American, born in Wisconsin, who spent part of his early life abroad; his infancy in China. A schoolteacher, airforceman and latterly a professor at Harvard, Wilder is often described as a Christian humanist. The expression reads too bleakly for so warm, open and rather mystical a writer.

After this book, Wilder went on to write further novels and some wonderful plays. *Our Town*, when I saw it produced by the Manchester Youth Theatre recently, reduced me to tears. Though no more than a chronicle of the unexceptional lives of a family of small-town Protestant Americans, it is written with depth and kindness and intensity — and an economy which leaves Updike floundering.

The Happy Journey simply places the members of a family on the stage in the positions they would occupy in their motor car, and follows them on a family outing. It is more moving than I can say. *The Merchant of Yonkers* found its way to fame when turned into the musical *Hello Dolly*. And *The Ides of March* is probably Wilder's best book.

But it is *The Bridge of San Luis Rey*, published in 1927 when he was 30, which established Wilder as a great American novelist. He takes a real event in history as his starting point: the collapse of a hanging Inca bridge in the Peruvian Andes, pitching the small group of unrelated travellers upon it to their deaths.

> His glance fell upon the bridge, and at that moment a twanging noise filled the air, as when the string of some musical instrument snaps in a disused room, and he saw the bridge divide and fling five gesticulating ants into the valley below.
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> Anyone else would have said to himself with secret joy: "Within ten minutes myself! . . ." but it was another thought that visited Brother Juniper: "Why did this happen to *those* five?" If there were any plan in the universe at all, if there were any pattern in a human life, surely it could be discovered mysteriously latent in those lives so suddenly cut off. Either we live by accident and die by accident, or we live by plan and die by plan. And on that instant Brother Juniper made the resolve to inquire into the secret lives of those five persons that moment falling through the air, and to surprise the reason of their taking off."

In the slim, 100-page novel which follows, Wilder follows Brother Juniper's researches into five separate lives, thrown (literally) by chance together at the end. It is as though we begin with some great discord on the cathedral organ, then follow each of the organ pipes from its construction through to this moment of cacophony. Except that the novelist finds beneath the final discord a secret harmony.

Even in that short passage you may detect some of Wilder's strengths and weaknesses as a writer. Beneath a classical style he is an emotional man, but clothes this in self-consciously formal phrasing. The result can be a little precious, at times forced, but reads beautifully.

His descriptions of Peru are masterly . . .

> ". . . a llama (a lady with a long neck and sweet, shallow eyes, burdened down by a fur cape and picking her way down an interminable staircase) came over and offered her a velvety cleft nose to stroke. The llama is deeply interested in the human beings about her, is even fond of pretending that she too is one of them, and of inserting her head into their conversations as though in a moment she would lift her voice and contribute a wan and helpful comment."

But she never quite does.

Describing the receipt of a cruel letter from someone who is dear, ("full of wounding remarks rather brilliantly said, perhaps said for the sheer virtuosity of giving pain neatly"), Wilder writes: "Each of its phrases found its way through the eyes of the Marquesa, then, carefully wrapped in understanding and forgiveness, it sank into her heart."

But I must not try your patience with quotation from a book you could buy and read yourself. After 70 years it is still in print.

The edition before me as I write is one of those familiar old orange-and-white Penguin paperbacks. It was published in 1941, but this copy seems to have been printed just after the war, carrying inside its back cover advertisements for books such as *Flight to Victory*.

It has just been given to me by a friend who bought it last year in Hay-on-Wye. He knows I love the book. But he was also intrigued by something which seems to have escaped the attention of the bookseller, who sold it for next to nothing. Inside the front cover, the original owner has used the title page to make extensive notes.

Only a politician or a journalist could commit such sacrilege. I started to read the notes, written in light blue ink in a small, slightly feminine hand with the ghost of a backward slope, using a medium-nibbed fountain pen. These are a politician's notes, towards a speech. "Stick to motion," is an early entry.

"Accent," says the first line: " — hope mine will not be suspected of being merely to [illegible] sympathy for my argument." Later, under the sub-heading "unemployment", he (for I assume it to be a man) has written "I can tell you the reaction when headlines in the papers read 'My heart bleeds for Lancashire'."

Was this a Labour politician with a northern accent, on his way to make an anti-Tory speech in Lancashire?

"Foreign policy" is scribbled in: "Churchills round table confab with Stalin? Promises [underlined]: regulations — civil servants — no cut in social services? Health . . .

"Food — cut in imports. Results. Rise in prices. No schools. Building: poor standards.

"No control better — but how?

"Butler & Churchill — one of whom says we are doing nicely, other says we are in a trapdoor . . ."

And then this marvellous phrase: "How can there be organisation between brilliant men of balanced outlook like Mr Butler or Mr Eden, between catchphrase politicians like Mr Churchill, men like Lord Woolton & Dr Charles Hill who are in the predicament of 'I've got a reputation but what can I do with it' — and the mass of *Daily Express* headliners in the party itself?"

I may be wrong but the sentiments here, and their means of expression, strike me as coming from a senior politician of a not unthoughtful disposition. the term "catchphrase politician" is splendid, a forerunner for today's disparaging "soundbite politician" and an echo of something Evelyn Waugh was to write of the later Churchill: "simply a radio personality who outlived his prime." Reading these notes, I speculate that they were made by a Labour frontbencher with a Lancashire accent, in a train and on his way to debate against a Tory government, probably in the early 1950s.

Only speculation. If the writer is sufficiently famous, his handwriting may be recognisable to scholars. I would half like to find out — yet am half inclined to leave the notes to tease me, as they now do, inside the cover of my favourite novel.

And I fancy that if Wilder is watching me typing, he will be amused. As it so happens, you see, I am about to fly to Peru. By the time you read this I shall have flown. I shall take the book.

A *Times* political columnist; Hay-on-Wye; *The Bridge of San Luis Rey*, given fortuitously by a friend; a past politician's speech notes; a train to Lancashire; an aeroplane to South America where both my friend and I intend to climb a 22,000-foot Andean peak . . . it is all converging.

Wish us a safe flight, but if the worst happens . . . well, I have done even better than Brother Juniper. I have surprised my own taking off.

Are the old ties fraying?

John Lloyd on our dwindling sense of union

The Cartier tournament, English polo's premier event, was played last weekend at the Guards ground in Windsor. The Westchester Cup, for which American and English teams have competed annually for more than a century, was won for the first time in decades by the home side, 12-9.

The day was brilliant. Glossy cars were arrayed in lines, with picnickers supping champagne between. Soldiers in dress uniform directed people to their places. The conversation was happy, the accents Home Counties, the style smart-casual. The Queen came and sat with her consort on the balcony of a little wooden pavilion by the halfway line.

When the teams came on to the field, each man cantered in a long sweep before the Queen, each swirling off his helmet in salutation. A magnificent game followed: the muscled, sweating ponies turning, racing and stopping in response to riders' commands. The players displayed the qualities of the ancient game — a demonstration of manhood and horsemanship. Here was a concentrate of a kind of Englishness.

A few days before, the plan under which power is to be devolved to a Scottish parliament had been revealed. The Scottish political establishment rejoiced. William Hague said it would be kept by a future Tory administration; the Scottish National Party said it would be supported as a gateway to greater freedoms.

In an interview earlier this week, Donald Dewar, the Scottish Secretary, told me that he had set in train a process which would revive a Scots political class, whittle down the duties of the Secretary of State for Scotland and stimulate democratic habits and civic engagement. Mr Dewar was careful to stress that it was a settlement which left sovereignty intact in Westminster: the extensive powers to be devolved — referendums permitting — would not, he said, reduce by one scintilla the essence of Westminster rule.

Yet (I thought, as I strolled uncomfortably about the Guards ground) sovereignty in this country was a palimpsest, a layered and subtle concoction in which acquiescence in Westminster government was reasserted through a thousand shared experiences of empire and wars, of mingling of the Scots and English classes through institutions such as the military, public schools, trade unions, political parties.

The layers have long been unravelling. The shared sacrifices and triumphs are fading or discredited, the military a professionalised cadre of high competence but uncertain as to purpose, the trade unions in decline. The ties of class, the habits of command and deference, are being replaced: on the side of the Scots by an insistence that an old right to statehood should take at least a quasi-statist form, and on the side of the English by a dawning realisation that some new national self-definition must be attempted.

In brief essays he wrote in the 1950s on English writers, Giuseppe Tomasi di Lampedusa — the Sicilian prince whose solitary full-length work *The Leopard* put him in the forefront of 20th-century European letters — celebrated the English habits (as he saw them) of fairness, scrupulousness, care for substance over form, understatement and pragmatism. He romanticised these to stress his contempt for the decadence, showiness, mendacity and factiousness (as he saw it) of the Italian aristocracy.

But some Scots used to agree with him about the English. John Buchan's aristocratic men of action were as at home on the grouse moor as the polo field. His proletarians and petits bourgeois, whether Cockney or Glaswegian, earned admiration by their ability to conjoin two types of patriotism — the English or Scots with the larger British. His was a world in which the dominant institutions had been recast from a purely English to an inclusive British form.

Politics now dominates in their stead. The status quo is no longer an option: Scotland cannot be denied a parliament and remain governable. But its creation is — however skilfully Dewar has framed the new settlement — a hazard. The new parliament may make the slippery slope to independence more steep. It may, on the other hand, be a medium through which the Scots soberly conclude that a Union under revised terms remains welcome to them.

The Cartier tournament, great display of manners, wealth and courage as it is, no longer functions as one of the celebrations at the apex of a British Establishment. It has been privatised and folded into the entertainment industry, a themed occasion with royal knobs on.

If we are to stay together as a nation, we cannot look to such occasions, nor to the Queen or her successor, to express a transcendent ideal any longer. We have to find it in political and personal choice, in the discovery of a preference for a state which provides a British solvent for the drear invented nationalisms of the Scots or the English, the Irish or Welsh. Or go our own ways.

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DIARY

Escape route

THE latest issue of the *Church Times*, mouthpiece of the Anglican establishment, tackles for the first time the previously taboo question of how the Prince of Wales might satisfactorily marry Camilla Parker Bowles. A French civil wedding, it concludes, may be the answer.

In a piece over two pages, Brian Brindley, the former secretary of the General Synod who has since become a Roman Catholic, says that nothing the Prince has done to date prejudices his becoming Defender of the Faith. Far more promiscuous men have become King. There is also no objection to his marrying Camilla. The problem is the possible awkwardness of Camilla being made Queen.

There is no legal provision in Britain, writes Brindley, for a morganatic marriage which enables royals to marry non-royals without conferring any of their titles or status on their children or spouses. So if Charles were to marry Camilla, she would have to become Queen.

Brindley, however, believes he may have found a way for Charles to marry Camilla, be crowned King and yet for Camilla not to become Queen — in effect for them to have a quasi-morganatic marriage without any change in legislation.

The Royal Marriages Act of 1772 says that members of the Royal Family must have the consent of the Sovereign or Parliament to marry. Without either, the marriage and any children will not be recognised.

Brindley cites four precedents in which members of the British Royal Family have married without the proper assent, from George IV and Mrs Fitzherbert in 1785 to Edward VIII and Mrs Simpson.

Charles, argues Brindley, could take Camilla out of British jurisdiction — say to France — marry without royal assent but according to civil law, and then return with Camilla as his civil wife. She could then perhaps be given a courtesy title but would not have to be crowned Queen beside King Charles. Bizarre, as Brindley concedes, but perhaps the solution.

● *Over-aggressive paparazzi have sabotaged the attempts of Oasis singer Liam Gallagher to retrieve his lost cat. So eager have they been to keep the singer's address in North London to themselves, they have torn down all the posters which Gallagher pinned near his north London home requesting the cat's safe return. Gallagher has since drafted some more.*

Free reeling

REPORTERS travelling with Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, to Croatia recently found themselves doubling up as his spokesmen. Cook had made a great point on his visit of talking up the importance of a free and independent media in an infant democracy. To show he was serious, he decided to give the only television interview of his trip not to the state media but to a small, struggling yet independent television station.

Unfortunately the station's youthful camera crew were more enthusiastic than competent. When they tried to play back the tape of their long interview with Cook, they found nothing but fuzz. Returning to Cook's end-of-tour press conference, they were too shy to bother the Foreign Secretary for another interview, so it was left to the men from *The Times* and *The Economist* to explain Cook's plan for Croatia — and reiterate the importance of a free press.

Lady Neubert: happy band

● *Following my series on clubs for parliamentary spouses comes reassuring news from the all-action Conservative Parliamentary Wives Club, still up and running despite earlier reports. The CPWC has held steady in the water under the command of Sally Neubert, wife of Sir Michael Neubert, the former MP for Romford. Its 180-strong membership consists of wives of current and former MPs, but no husbands. "Tory husbands, unlike their Labour counterparts, do not seem to need a support group," says Lady Neubert.*

Erupting

MUTINY is fomenting on the island of Montserrat over the actions of Frank Savage, the British Governor, who failed to deal effectively with the effects of the volcanic eruptions on his patch. With British aid arriving on the volcano-hit island in agonising dribs, Savage decided to hold a drinks party for foreign aid workers last week at the island's smartest hotel, the Vue Point, which lies in the middle of a danger area.

Frank Savage: poor show

The mass exodus from the island, however, meant there was a staff shortage. So Savage sent a party out to find waiters from among the poor wretches living in temporary shelters up the side of the volcano. Ten of them were dragooned into handing round Savage's drinks.

Now Savage has decided to muscle in on a delegation of local officials who are visiting London to complain about the lack of support they have received from the Foreign Office. He will be holding private meetings prior to the delegation's ones. The feeling of an increasingly suspicious Montserrat populace is that Savage is not on side.

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*Off peak fare. Supplements payable on peak and standard services. Prices valid until December 31st.

WHATEVER SIMON SAYS

The minister's holdings break the spirit of the new code

The scale of the Conservatives' defeat at the election owed something to their policies and much to their conduct. Tony Blair won on the promise of cleaner politics, "restoring the bond of trust between the British people and their Government". In yesterday's revised code of conduct on procedures for ministers, the Prime Minister writes that "we are *all* here to serve and we must all serve honestly and in the interests of those who gave us our positions of trust". And that, as he emphasises, means ministers working "within the letter and spirit of the Code".

The new guidelines are in many areas a tighter constraint on ministers than their predecessors. Labour has not only imported its discipline into government; it has now formalised the rules under which it operated in Opposition. So, for example, all major media interviews have to be cleared with Downing Street. So must the policy content, timing and form of all speeches, press releases and announcements.

Departments even have to keep a record of all media contacts by ministers and officials. This borders on the absurd. The Treasury managed to do it, just, in its periods of pre-Budget purdah. But, given the number of occasions on which politicians, officials and journalists mix, either intentionally or accidentally, such a log would be immense. It is also likely to be circumvented if ministers feel spied upon.

Most topical in this document, however, is the section on ministers' private interests. This, quite correctly, errs on the side not just of probity but of perceived probity. Thus, "ministers will want to order their affairs so that no conflict arises or is thought to arise" and they should "scrupulously avoid any danger of an actual or apparent conflict of interest between their ministerial position and their private financial interests".

It is to this section that eyes are inevitably drawn where Lord Simon of Highbury's holdings of BP shares are concerned. The new Minister for European Trade and Competitiveness, who was chairman of BP until May 1, has given us no reason to suppose that he has acted with anything other than the highest standards of probity. But his £2 million holding of BP shares undoubtedly gives rise to an apparent conflict of interest. And it is hard to deny that *such* a conflict "is *thought* to arise".

Lord Simon argues, on the opposite page, that he cannot sell his shares without being accused of insider dealing. He also considers it "not appropriate" to put them in a blind trust. He does not address the question of why he did not declare his holding in the register of Lords' interests.

Since even serving directors of companies are allowed to sell their shares after each results announcement, it seems odd that a former director should feel bound not to do so. If Lord Simon has erred on the side of caution with regard to insider dealing, he has erred on the side of incaution with regard to possible conflicts of interest. Why should it not be appropriate for his BP shares to enter the blind trust? By absenting himself from all DTI decisions relating to BP, he severely circumscribes his usefulness. BP is one of Britain's biggest companies with widespread interests.

Businessmen have always had difficulties moving into politics, usually stemming from a political culture that resented interlopers. Now that there seems to be developing a greater degree of interplay between the two worlds, it would be a pity, as Lord Simon says, if other businessmen were deterred from making the switch.

The answer is simple. The minister should rearrange his holdings so that no conflict even appears to exist. It is odd that Mr Blair has not already asked him to do so. One of the more irritating characteristics of the last Government was a reluctance to admit mistakes and a refusal to put them right until far too much damage had already been done. A new Government demands a new style of response.

DENG'S TRICKY LEGACY

Ripples disturb the Chinese political lake

August is the month in which China's most senior leaders retreat to their private beach — to rest but also to jockey for future position. The centre of their attention is this autumn's Party Congress, a five-yearly event which has been given particular significance by the death of Deng Xiaoping.

Curious ripples are disturbing the manicured surface of Chinese high politics, after months in which the official word has been one of no surprises. The political succession, with President Jiang Zemin at the "core" of a collective leadership, is asserted to have been settled by Deng long ago; as for economics, the Party needs no more guidance than Deng's doctrine of "socialism with Chinese characteristics".

In fact, this Congress is an all-important political event for Mr Jiang. Although he already holds every key position, titles are a poor guide to real power in China; Deng, notably, held none after 1990. He must use the Congress to stamp his authority on Party, Army and government bureaucracy and secure the most important positions for his own lieutenants. What this studied calm indicated, therefore, was that the inevitable battles for jobs and influence — including the premiership due to be vacated next year by the unpopular Li Peng — were to be kept firmly off-stage.

But this week Mr Jiang and senior Party ideologues have publicly advertised discord within the élite, accusing "leftists" — Marxist diehards — of attacking the strategy of economic liberalisation. Some of this may be shadow-boxing. The veteran ideologue alleged to be masterminding this revolt, Deng Liqun, and his allies are ill-placed to win over the big Party battalions. Mao Zedong would have dismissed their sniping as "the buzzing of mayflies".

A more powerful, and more covert, challenge to Mr Jiang comes not from the left, but from a powerful wing of the Politburo led by Qiao Shi and Li Ruihuan. They are thought to favour more radical institutional reforms than Mr Jiang, whose extreme caution has earned him the street nickname of "weathervane".

The immediate arguments are not about policy, but power; and they will be resolved before the Congress opens. Since all the players agree that there must be no hint of a political vacuum, post-Deng, they will present a united front. The more important question, for China and the world, is whether the new leadership can muster the genuine unity of purpose that will be required to address the "social contradictions" that Mr Jiang has accused the left of exploiting.

The trickiest issue is what to do about Mao's rusting "iron ricebowl", the vast loss-making state enterprises which consume 60 per cent of national investment and cost the country a fortune in unproductive subsidy. Zhu Rongji, the economic supremo leading the race for the premiership, has sworn to turn these behemoths around within three years; but this may be unachievable without mass privatisation. The left protests that to abandon the core doctrine of "the state-owned economy as the mainstay" would dissolve the ideology of socialism and reduce China to "an appendage of international capitalism". Moderates worry that these enterprises employ millions of mostly urban workers who, with social unrest and unemployment already on the rise, are politically risky to dismiss.

China's rapid modernisation is a phenomenal but still patchy achievement. Deng's brew of political immobilism and headlong economic growth poses intractable problems for his heirs. There is far greater cultural freedom, unmatched in the political arena; there are tensions between central government and increasingly assertive provincial authorities; and corruption has fed popular cynicism. The coming Congress will provide the first clues as to whether Deng's heirs can manage the forces unleashed in China by the success of the reforms that the master pragmatist allowed.

IN THE FAST LANE

Current car registration is not in consumers' interests

Amid champagne and canapés smart showrooms opened at midnight to usher in the era of the R registration automobile. In the next month some 500,000 cars will leave the forecourts, 30 vehicles per working minute. An extraordinary £4.5 billion will be spent — 25 per cent of all yearly sales — largely to satisfy a certain kind of snobbery.

This may soon be history. The Department of Transport and the industry itself seem determined to end this anachronism. For 30 years, August 1 has been the most important month in the motoring calendar. This curious date emerged through a predictably British compromise. An early experiment with January 1 proved universally unpopular. Manufacturers favoured June 1, dealers fancied October 1 and Harold Wilson's Government bravely split the difference. All the indications are that this will be the last such occasion. Within weeks, a new formula is expected to be introduced setting two key dates, in March and September.

If the switch comes it will doubtless induce apoplexy in some quarters. With a double-date system, one-upmanship may never seem quite the same again, except for those so rich that they can purchase two cars a year. But the present scramble — for all its glitz and glamour — offers little but certain exhaustion for those in the showroom. It does even less for consumers.

Car sales in Britain have a seasonal quality second only to Santa Claus. Vehicles for August are stockpiled as early as March. They sit while almost nothing is purchased in summer. Then in a rush they are released on the market. This involves £1 billion in extra paperwork. It is apparently impossible for sales outlets to cope with the influx. The RAC estimates that up to one car in four develops an early fault and returns to base by the end of September. And by October, when most continental European manufacturers launch their latest models, they are no longer even the "newest" on the market.

Customers have little to lose by changing these bizarre arrangements. The trade might look forward to a somewhat more sensible distribution of sales and the sight of the beach in August. This particular tradition should be parked with little compunction. Britain should not operate a Rolls-Royce industry on a Reliant Robin schedule.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Taking the moral view on the sale of arms overseas

From the Executive Director of Saferworld and the Policy Director of Oxfam

Sir, The Government's announcement of the new criteria governing British arms exports contains a number of positive signals. Although the qualifications identified in your leading article of July 29, "The moral arms salesman", are disappointing, the move towards stopping the export of equipment "which might be used for internal repression" gives at least some hope for the future.

We are yet to be convinced, however, by the decision that it is "unrealistic and impractical" to backdate the commitment to ending exports of repressive equipment. There is clear evidence, for example, that armoured vehicles and water cannon have been used for repression in Indonesia and their export licences should be revoked immediately.

We welcome Robin Cook's statement that "an informed public debate is the best guarantee of responsible regulation of the arms trade". However, we feel that we have not had such a debate about the export of Hawks to Indonesia.

Fears remain about the use of these aircraft for internal repression in East Timor in the past and potentially in the future. The Foreign Affairs Select Committee should establish a comprehensive inquiry into these concerns and all further exports should be suspended pending its findings.

The key to an enlightened and effective policy is to confront the tired argument "if we don't sell, others will". We welcome the Government's commitment to press for a European code of conduct "setting high common *standards governing arms exports*".

Day after day, we and the people with whom we work have witnessed the devastating consequences of an unethical arms trade. The forthcoming UK presidency of the EU provides an ideal opportunity to introduce a restrictive code, even when this may have commercial costs.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL EAVIS,
Executive Director, Saferworld,
DIANNA MELROSE,
Policy Director, Oxfam,
Saferworld,
33-34 Alfred Place, WC1.
July 30.

From Lord Jakobovits

Sir, The squib of Britain's new "ethical" foreign policy, heralded with such bravado, turns out to be rather damp. To prevent arms supplies being used for internal oppression is but one aspect of the moral challenge.

The ultimate evil is surely the arms trade at large. Since the Second World War, no one has died through the proliferation of atomic weapons. But millions, tens of millions, have perished through conventional arms peddled by the world's great arms producers.

Worse still, the arms trade has ruined the economies of scores of nations which have spent their scarce resources on buying arms rather than *on growing crops or on investing in* trade and self-sufficiency. Thus does the arms trade cause wars, famine, and poverty, sinking potentially prosperous lands into utter destitution.

One always hears two arguments to justify the curse of the arms trade. If we did not sell the arms, others would; and our own armaments industry depends on these sales. According to the first, you might as well encourage the Government to push drugs. As to the second, it is never moral to help kill others in order to save your own life, let alone to advance your economy.

Let Britain pioneer universal agreement to ban the sale and shipment of arms, gradually transforming the vast investment of money and brainpower to better medical or educational care. If we cannot overnight beat our swords into ploughshares, we can make an immediate start by putting a strict arms control on the international agenda as a key to saving and improving countless millions of lives.

Yours sincerely,
JAKOBOVITS,
House of Lords.
July 30.

Plight of detainee

From Mrs Annie Anderson

Sir, Mr Mario Carneiro's plight as an asylum-seeker held in Winson Green Prison, Birmingham, under the Immigration Act (letter, July 29) is unacceptable.

In 1994 the Home Office agreed that an inner-city prison was an inappropriate place to hold detainees. Additional accommodation was created in detention centres and since then detainees have no longer been held at Pentonville, north London.

Winson Green or Pentonville — the principle remains the same.

Yours faithfully,
ANNIE ANDERSON
(Chairman, Board of Visitors,
HMP Pentonville, 1993-96),
2 Barnsbury Terrace, N1.
July 29.

Hong Kong officials

From the Secretary for the Civil Service, Hong Kong

Sir, Jonathan Mirsky's comments, in his report headed "HK shuffle ordered by Beijing" (July 29, later editions), are somewhat misplaced.

Article 48 (5) of the Basic Law (Hong Kong's "mini-constitution") specifies that all principal officials are nominated by the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government (HKSARG) and appointed by the Central People's Government of China (CPG).

What happened was exactly that. The Chief Executive made the nominations, which were then accepted by the CPG. The announcements were made by both Beijing and Hong Kong on the same day (July 28).

The reason for the time gap of about 50 minutes between the two announcements was the fact that Hong Kong's statement was much more detailed. We had not synchronised the timing of both announcements to the minute.

The respective powers of the CPG and HKSARG in this area are defined clearly in the Basic Law and are well understood in Hong Kong.

Mr Mirsky's contention that "Beijing publicly humiliated the Hong Kong Government" and that "This new demonstration of where ultimate power lies in Hong Kong affairs will alarm people here" are unfounded.

Yours sincerely,
W. K. LAM,
Secretary for the Civil Service,
Central Government Offices,
Lower Albert Road, Hong Kong.
July 30.

Radio 3 changes

From Captain M. R. Hare, RN

Sir, I am astonished at the volume and venom of your correspondents' criticisms of Radio 3's policy and performance (letters, July 24, 26).

I have no less pleasure now, listening to Radio 3, than I did nearly fifty years ago when I first heard the Third Programme. Whether or not catchy titles are given to programmes seems to me to be of minimum importance: it is the content which matters and it seems to me that pure enjoyment has never been available in such copious measure as now.

Be heartened, Mr Kenyon — not all your listeners are critics who hearken back to some golden age which never really existed.

Yours etc,
MICHAEL HARE,
Pathways, 19 Beatty Drive,
Alverstoke, Gosport, Hampshire.
July 26.

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Assistance on floods in East Europe

From the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany

Sir, Your leading article today, "After the flood", claims that "the most insidious and perhaps the greatest damage will be to the political confidence, within and between Germany and its neighbours". I feel this is less than fair. On the contrary, neighbourly help across the river has been spontaneous and substantial.

Already more than DM4 million from official funds and DM12 million from private initiatives have reached Poland, as well as large amounts of equipment, machinery and technical help, including specialised materials to preserve valuable documents and cultural artefacts exposed to the floods. It is fair to say that no other European country has offered even remotely comparable assistance.

The German Red Cross has opened a centre to house flood refugees and to provide fresh water supplies in Poland. It has also launched a nationwide appeal in Germany for funds under the slogan "Neighbours in Need" to provide emergency aid in Poland. Mr Andrzej Byrt, Ambassador of Poland in Germany, has publicly stated his appreciation, saying that: "A friend in need is a friend indeed. The Germans have given us solid assistance."

The record of German willingness to put first things first and alleviate sufferings among its neighbours is there for all to see.

Yours sincerely,
JURGEN OESTERHELT,
Embassy of the Federal
Republic of Germany,
23 Belgrave Square, SW1.
July 30.

From the Ambassador of the Republic of Poland

Sir, Writing well into the fourth week of the flooding in Poland and other Central European countries, you are right to point to the enormous toll exacted by the floods. You are also right to draw attention to the significance of intergovernmental co-operation in the region.

You are quite wrong, however, if you believe that such a flood in Poland, "merciless" as it is, can sweep away seven years of Herculean efforts to reform the economy; and you are quite wrong to believe that any amount of rainfall could stop — "at the water's edge" — the development of the Polish-German co-operation.

I am particularly concerned by your speculation about "further delays to the great political project of European Union enlargement". Loss of confidence in the enlargement of Nato and the EU would be potentially more dangerous than the floods or the consequences thereof on the ground.

Yours sincerely,
RYSZARD STEMPLOWSKI,
Embassy of the Republic of Poland,
47 Portland Place, W1.
July 30.

From Mr Grainger Davies

Sir, Though rainfall of unusual severity and persistence over a wide area was undoubtedly the major cause of the flooding in Eastern Europe, the level of investment and standard of maintenance of flood defences was also a factor. It is therefore right to question whether we in Britain are better placed to respond in similar circumstances.

The Environment Agency has a huge maintenance task in England and Wales. Here in East Anglia there are 11,600km of river banks and 1,500km of tidal, estuary and sea defences requiring an annual budget of £61 million, only possible through the will of county councils and MAFF to approve the expenditure.

The sad images of the Oder valley bring home the importance of devoting resources on a continuing basis to flood-warning systems and to protection works, be they flood banks, sluices or sea walls. Maintenance and construction of flood defences are essential, even in the heat of an English summer.

Yours faithfully,
GRAINGER DAVIES
(Regional General Manager),
The Environment Agency —
Anglian Region,
Kingfisher House, Goldhay Way,
Orton Goldhay, Cambridgeshire.
July 29.

Turkey and EU

From Lord Hylton

Sir, I regret that Dr David Shankland (letter, July 23) should take an over-optimistic view of Turkey. The reality is that civilian governments come and go, but power remains in the hands of the National Security Council, in which the Armed Forces are dominant.

As a result military solutions are sought, whether in Cyprus, northern Iraq, or against the Kurds. The internal armed conflict with the latter has lasted 13 years, leading to some 12,000 deaths, the destruction of thousands of villages and the displacement of over two-and-a-half million people.

Political parties advocating minority rights and negotiated solutions are suppressed and MPs, authors and journalists are frequently imprisoned. Conditions in police stations and prisons are bad, with torture and extra-judicial killing still widespread, in spite of cases being taken to the European Court of Human Rights.

The consequences of heavy military expenditure are inflation at nearly 80 per cent a year, massive state debts and a steadily depreciating currency. The one hope is that Turkish industry and commerce, as well as trades unions, are beginning to see the need for civilian control, the rule of law and fair treatment for minorities. I trust that their view will prevail and eventually make Turkey a proper candidate for EU membership.

Yours faithfully,
HYLTON,
House of Lords.

A fitting memorial

From the Reverend Dr Peter Jupp

Sir, A man and his family are certainly free to choose minimal funeral rites (letter, July 28). Well might an architect's children claim for him *si monumentum requiris, circumpice* in respectful echo of the tribute in St Paul's to Sir Christopher Wren, attributed to his son.

But what of those who regret the lack of a memorial or who have forgotten, or never known, where their dead may lie?

Cemetery superintendents are often contacted by members of the public searching for the lost grave of a relative. The reasons for their search are complex, private, often pressing. We all owe debts to the dead, even though they will not have expected us to honour them all.

At present, death certificates contain no details about the funeral which might help descendants to seek lost graves. After the funeral, the Registrar of Deaths is always provided with information about the date of the funeral, the mode of disposal of the body and the cemetery or crematorium involved. Future printings of the Registrar's forms could easily provide space to record this information.

We make this recommendation in our *Dead Citizens Charter*.

Yours faithfully,
PETER C. JUPP
(Director),
The National Funerals College,
Braddan House, High Street,
Duddington, Stamford, Lincolnshire.
July 28.

PoWs decry 'bitter blow' of lost pay

From Lieutenant-Colonel Pat Spooner and others

Sir, The announcement (report, July 25) that some 14,000 Second World War veterans who were held in German and Italian prison camps will receive not one penny of the lost pay due to them comes as a bitter blow. The decision by civil servants (Ministry of Defence historians), most of whom were probably unborn when we were languishing in captivity, seems to us arbitrary and capricious.

Not having read their lengthy review, we can only surmise that the findings turn on our collective inability to prove conclusively that we never received the full (or in some cases any) camp pay from our captors, and which was thus wrongfully deducted from our home pay.

Pathetically, the Government and their mandarins hide behind the excuse that all the pay records were destroyed after six years. The onus for doing this devolves squarely on the Government of the day, and for veterans to suffer as a result of such gross incompetence is totally unjust.

Perhaps the bitter truth is that the Second World War is ancient history, and therefore of little consequence, to the ministers and mandarins who control our destinies. They have allowed this matter to drag on interminably, well aware that the problem will be solved by the law of natural attrition.

For Mr John Spellar, the Under-Secretary of State for Defence, to say that "those people who have had their hopes raised will be very disappointed" (surely the understatement of the year) only adds insult to injury. For many the financial loss will be distressing, for us all the question of principle is of paramount concern.

Justice and fair play were once watchwords of the British ethic, but faceless British bureaucrats have ducked their duty. Now, we feel, is the time to appeal to the European Court of Human Rights to administer the justice due to those who fought for freedom all those years ago.

We are, Sir, yours sincerely,
A. P. SPOONER
(PoW, Italy, 1942-43),
DESMOND BUCHANAN
(PoW, Italy, 1942-43),
TONY DAVIES
(PoW, Italy/Germany, 1942-45),
MICHAEL GILBERT
(PoW, Italy, 1943)
ERIC NEWBY
(PoW, Italy/Germany, 1942-45),
22 Broadwater Rise,
Guildford, Surrey.
July 29.

Word perfect

From Mr Ted Whybrew

Sir, Mr Kevin Grant's new term "nincompute" (letter, July 30) is to be welcomed, but he seems to use it to describe someone with an extreme form of "incomputeracy".

Does it not better describe those individuals whose working and social lives are wholly dominated by webs, modems and their like?

Yours faithfully,
TED WHYBREW,
31 Hanover Gardens, SE11.
July 30.

From Mr John Gudgeon

Sir, As the French call the computer *l'ordinateur*, why not "ordinate" or "inordinate" for those who understand them or don't?

Yours sincerely,
JOHN GUDGEON,
2 Clackclose Road,
Downham Market, Norfolk.
July 30.

A roof for the dome

From Mr Len Evans

Sir, I gather that there is a problem in covering the proposed millennium dome with PVC (letter, July 31).

This could be solved by using the best rural practice and covering the dome with grass or reeds. It would also make good use of the skills of unemployed thatchers who are wasting their skills elsewhere.

Yours faithfully,
LEN EVANS,
25 Kirton Road, Scotter, Lincolnshire.

Sporting psalm

From the Reverend John Fletcher

Sir, Mr Anthony Bosanquet (letter, July 25) wonders if Tate and Brady's version of Psalm 42 is destined to join the ranks of the politically incorrect. Smoking restrictions may, alas, add Coverdale's prayerbook version of Psalm 150 to his list — "praise him on the strings and pipe".

However, all is not lost for Mr Bosanquet's friend, whose favourite hymn is *All things bright and beautiful*: perhaps a politically correct version of the verse about the rich man in his castle might run as follows:

The poor man in his castle,
The rich man at his gate,
The charge is £4.50
to visit the estate.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN FLETCHER,
10 St Chads Road,
Chadwell Heath, Essex.
July 26.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 31: His Excellency Señor Carlos Morales-Landivar and Señora de Morales were received in farewell audience by The Queen today and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador from the Republic of Bolivia to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency Mr Mohamed Shaker and Mrs Shaker were received in farewell audience by Her Majesty and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador from the Arab Republic of Egypt to the Court of St James's.

The following were received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon their appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassadors: Mr Victor Henderson (designate to the Republic of Yemen) and Mr Robin Christopher (the Republic of Indonesia).

Mrs Henderson and Mrs Christopher were also received by Her Majesty.

The following were received in audience by The Queen upon their appointment as British High Commissioners: Mr David Walker (the People's Republic of Bangladesh) and Mr Martin Williams (the Republic of Zimbabwe).

Mrs Walker and Mrs Williams were also received by Her Majesty.

Mr Anthony Abbott was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Governor designate to Montserrat. Mrs Abbott was also received by Her Majesty.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel-in-Chief, this morning visited the Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers at Arborfield, Reading, Royal County of Berkshire.

July 31: The Duke of York gave a Dinner at Sunninghill Park this evening in aid of the American Air Museum in Britain.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will open the American Air Museum in Britain at Duxford at 2.15. The Duke of York and the Duke of Kent, as president, Imperial War Museum, will attend.

The Duke of York will visit the Jubilee Sailing Trust at the Jubilee Yard, Woolston, Southampton, at 5.10.

Princess Margaret, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Anglian Regiment, will visit the 1st Battalion and attend the Minden Day parade at Oakington Barracks, Cambridge, at 1.30.

The Duke of Gloucester, accompanied by the Duchess of Gloucester, will take the salute at the Edinburgh Military Tattoo at 9.00pm.

Birthdays today

Mr Lionel Bart, composer, 67; Mr Derek Birdsall, graphic designer and typographer, 63; Miss Janet Gough, High Mistress, St Paul's Girls' School, 57; Mr Frank Hauser, theatre director, 75; Dr David Jasper, former Principal, St Chad's College, Durham, 46; Sir Richard Lloyd Jones, civil servant, 64; Professor M S Losowsky, Professor of Medicine, 66; Major-General R.C. Macdonald, 86; Professor W.H. Morris-Jones, former director, Institute of Commonwealth Affairs, 79; Professor B.C. Roberts, Emeritus Professor of Industrial Relations, 80; M Yves Saint Laurent, fashion designer, 61; the Right Rev Professor Stephen Sykes, Bishop of Ely, 58; Professor Laurie Taylor, sociologist, 61; Mr Robert Thomas, sculptor, 71; Mr John Tomlinson, MEP, 58; Mr G.E. Ward Thomas, chairman, Yorkshire-Tyne Tees Television, 74.

University news

Cambridge
St Catharine's College
The following elections have been made:
Dr P.D. Wothers, Senior Research Fellow (From May 1, 1997)
Mr K.J. Dalton, Official Fellow (From July 1, 1997)
Dr J.C. Vassilicos, Official Fellow and Mr D.C. Aldridge, Mr R.W. Dance, Mr R.P. Davies, Research Fellows (From October 1, 1997).

Appointments

Dr Onora O'Neill, FBA, to be a Trustee of the Nuffield Foundation and to become Chairman on the retirement of Lord Flowers, FRS, next year.

Dr Alan Rudge, FRS, Deputy Chief Executive, British Telecommunications, to be a Commissioner of the Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851 and a member of the Board of Management.

Election

Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies
Dr Robert Lloyd-Roberts has been elected Chairman of the Court of Trustees of the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies.

Legal appointment

Mr Justice Jacob to be Chancery Supervising Judge for Bristol, Cardiff and Birmingham from October 1.

Retirements

Judge Wroath has retired from the Western Circuit and Judge Negus from the Eastern Circuit Bench.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS:
Richard Wilson, landscape painter, Penegoes, Powys, 1714; Jean Baptiste de Lamarck, naturalist, Bazentin, France, 1744; William Clark, explorer, Caroline County, Virginia, 1770; Francis Scott Key, poet, Carroll County, Maryland, 1779; Richard Henry Dana, novelist, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1815; Herman Melville, writer, New York, 1819; James Grant, novelist, Edinburgh, 1822.

DEATHS:
Queen Anne, reigned 1702-14, London, 1714; Richard Savage, poet, Bristol, 1743; Elizabeth Inchbald, novelist, dramatist and actress, London, 1821; Robert Morrison, founder of Protestant missions in China, Canton, 1834; Israel Zangwill, writer, Zionist and philanthropist, London, 1926; Theodore Roethke, poet, Washington, 1963; Walter Ulbricht, chairman, Council of State, German Democratic Republic 1960-73, East Berlin, 1973.

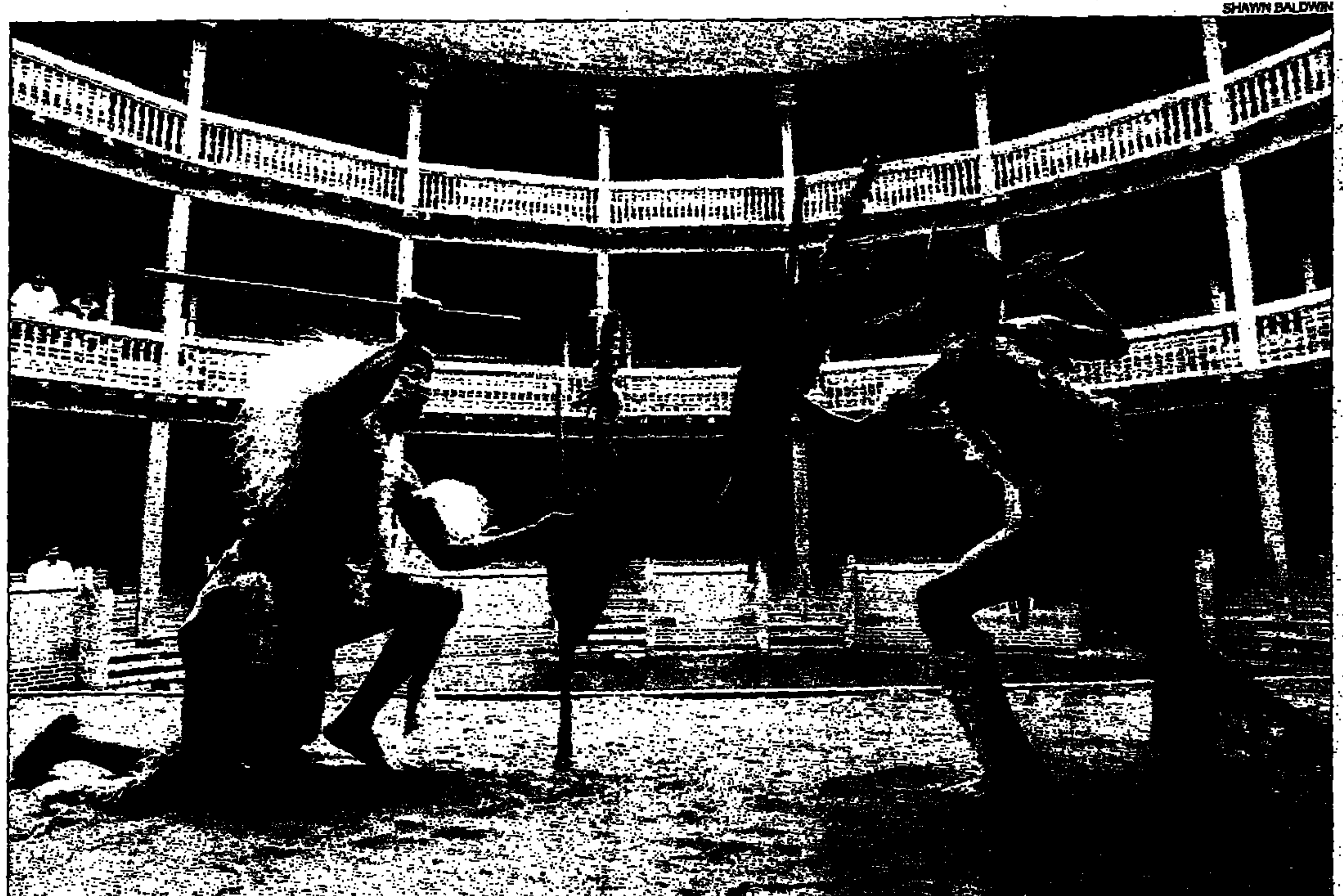
Nelson defeated the French at the Battle of the Nile, 1798.

Slavery was abolished in the British Empire, 1834.

Germany declared war on Russia, 1914.

The Warsaw Rising began, 1944.

SHAWN BALDWIN



Actors rehearsing a fight in *Umabatha:the Zulu Macbeth* at the Globe Theatre, London, yesterday. The play, performed in Zulu, opens on Monday

Carpenters' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Carpenters' Company for the ensuing year:
Master, Mr H.M. Neal; Senior Warden, Mr V.G. Morton-Smith; Middle Warden, Mr N.B.C. Evelegh; Junior Warden, Mr C.W. Preston.

Plumbers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Plumbers' Company for the ensuing year:
Master, Mr P.R. Brunner; Upper Warden, Mr E.W. Hopkinson; Renter Warden, Mr J.H. Mayfield.

Blacksmiths' Company

The following have been installed officers of the Blacksmiths' Company for the ensuing year:
Prime Warden, Mr Timothy S. Herring; Renter Warden, Mr James M. Latham; Third Warden, Mr Rodney Lyons; Fourth Warden, Mr Hugh A.E. Adams.

Joiners and Ceilers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Joiners asnd Ceilers' Company for the ensuing year:
Master, Mr Clive Alexander Capel; Upper Warden, Mr Thomas Frederick Knowles Boucher; Renter Warden, Mr Richard William Edward Rogan.

Weavers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Weavers' Company for the ensuing year:
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Archaeology

Did the early Greeks simply copy the pyramids of Egypt?

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

SCIENTIFIC dating of two unusual miniature pyramids in southern Greece suggests that the legendary origin reported by the ancient writer Pausanias may have a factual basis. The dates, more than 4,000 years old, also raise the intriguing possibility of early Greeks imitating the pyramids of Egypt.

The pyramids, at Hellenikon and Ligourio in the Argolid region of the Peloponnese west of Athens, have been known for centuries, and are mentioned in Pausanias' famous peregrination of Greece in the second century.

Excavations earlier this century yielded pottery of the 4th century BC, from around the time of Alexander the Great, and the pyramids were therefore assumed to be of this period, although both older and more recent sherds were also found.

Both pyramids, which are about the size of a large room, have four sloping sides, like those of Egypt, and would probably have risen to a sharp pointed summit. They are built of limestone blocks, and it is these that have provided Dr P.S. Theocaris and his colleagues with the key to dating the monuments.

They employed the principle of thermoluminescence (TL), whereby the accumulation of electrons in light-sensitive traps in crystals of calcite at the surface of the stone is measured as they are expelled by heating in the laboratory.

The thermoluminescence method was originally developed for distinguishing ancient from modern firing of pottery, and the detection of fakes, but has become a well-established dating tool over the past three decades.

Dr Theocaris's group argued that when the limestone blocks for the pyramids were being cut to shape, the fresh surfaces would have been exposed to sunlight for at least a day.

This would have "bleached" electrons from the surface crystals: when the blocks were then set in place, most of these surfaces would have been sealed from light, with the additional protection of the thin layer of mortar between the stones.

Experiment with a Mycenaean wall, dated archaeologically to around 1280 BC, yielded a thermoluminescence date of 1110 plus or minus 340 BC, suggesting that the method of dating crystals scraped from a sealed block was valid. Six dates from the Hellenikon pyramid averaged 2730 BC, plus or minus some 700 years, making it between four and five thousand years old.

One date from the Ligourio pyramid, which has been almost demolished, was of 2260 BC, with a similar margin of error. Pottery of this "proto-Helladic" period was in fact found in the early excavations at Hellenikon, indicating that the site was occupied then, although lacking so far from Ligourio.

The early dating suggested by the thermoluminescence analyses has refocused attention on Pausanias' account, in which he reported that the Hellenikon pyramid was a monument to the fratricidal battle between Proetus and Akrissios, grandsons of Danaos, the king of Argos. They were claimants to the thrones of Tiryns and Mycenae, cities notable in the Bronze Age but long abandoned by Pausanias' time, when he retailed a history that had already passed into myth.

The thermoluminescence dates now suggest that the two pyramids are a millennium older than the Mycenae of Agamemnon and the apparent date of the Trojan War, and do indeed belong to that legendary age. They would also be more or less coeval with the great Egyptian pyramids of Giza, which were built in 2600-2500 BC, and are, in miniature, strikingly similar constructions.

Although early monumental architecture is known from the Aegean, and contact between Greece, Egypt and Asia is well-documented from the Minoan and Mycenaean periods, such precise copying of exotic architecture is striking. The thermoluminescence dating suggests that intellectual as well as commercial currents were flowing across the east Mediterranean.

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University news

King's College London
The college has announced the election of ten new Fellows in 1997. Nine of them, and one Fellow elected in 1996, received their Fellowships at graduation ceremonies at the Royal Festival Hall last week.

The 1997 Fellows of King's are as follows:
Professor Struther Arnott, FRS, Principal and Vice-Chancellor, University of St Andrews, and former member of the MRC Biophysics Unit at King's College, London.
Professor Robert Hider, Head of the School of Life, Basic Medical and Health Sciences, King's College London.
Professor Robert Hill, Head of the School of Physical Sciences and Engineering, King's College London.
Professor Stephen Mason, FRS, Emeritus Professor of Chemistry, King's College, London.
Professor Alan McGregor, Professor of Medicine, King's College School of Medicine and Dentistry.
The Right Rev Njongonkulu Winston Ndungane, Archbishop of Cape Town, alumnus of King's.
Sir Richard Sykes, Chairman and Chief Executive of Glaxo Wellcome, alumnus of Queen Elizabeth College (which merged with King's in 1985).
Professor Brian Trowell, Heather Professor of Music Emeritus, University of Oxford, former King Edward Professor of Music and Head of the Department of Music, King's College, London.
Professor John Uff, QC, Director of the Centre for Construction Law and Management, King's College London, barrister and engineer.
Professor Robert Simmons, FRS, Professor of Biophysics and Director of the Randall Institute at King's College London, who was elected a Fellow of the College in 1996, also received his Fellowship last week.

Two members of King's staff received the DSc (higher doctorate):
Professor Tom Sanders, Head of the Department of Nutrition and Dietetics, and Dr John Wriglesworth, of the Division of Life Sciences.

Forthcoming marriages

**Mr N. Tabain
and the Hon Isabelle Johnstone**
The engagement is announced between Nikola, only son of Mr Hugo Tabain and Mrs Miroslava Tabain, of Melbourne, Australia, and Isabelle, youngest daughter of Lord and Lady Derwent, of Hackness, North Yorkshire.

**Mr P. Alexander
and Miss M. Baxter**
The engagement is announced between Philip, only son of Mrs D.P. Alexander, of Highgate, London, and Melanie, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Kevin Baxter, of Dublin, Ireland.

**Mr I.T. Bird
and Miss W.M. Pankhurst**
The engagement is announced between Ian, second son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Bird, of Plymouth, and Wendy, younger daughter of Mr Ken Pankhurst and Mrs Jean Pankhurst, both of Surrey.

**Mr G.E.S. Coltman
and Miss A.M. Kennedy**
The engagement is announced between Guy, only son of the late Dr Rodney Coltman and of Mrs Margaret Coltman, of Wimbledon, and Antonia, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Kennedy, of Belfast, County Down.

**Mr A.J. Cross
and Dr E.A. Jones**
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs A.W. Cross, of Dhoon, Irby, Wirral, and Elizabeth, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs A.R. Jones, of Merida, Noctorum, Birkenhead.

**Mr R.N. Edwards
and Miss S.K. Wallis**
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Mark Edwards, of Enborne, Berkshire, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Wallis, of Weston, Berkshire.

**Mr R.P. Hechle
and Miss J.K. le Poer Trench**
The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Mr and Mrs Philip Hechle, of Nairobi, Kenya, and Joanna, daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian le Poer Trench, of Monxton, Hampshire.

**Mr N.G.S. Lawrence
and Miss C. McNaughton**
The engagement is announced between Nick, son of Jean and John Lawrence, of Barnes, and Claudia, only daughter of Pamela and David McNaughton, of Twickenham.

**Mr M.J. O'Donnell
and Miss P.J. Gibson**
The engagement is announced between Matthew, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.D. O'Donnell, of Oxshott, Surrey, formerly of Waterloo, Belgium, and Pippa, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs M.W. Gibson, of Kelvedon Hatch, Essex.

**Mr C.R.B. Pitcher
and Miss E.J. Beaufrère**
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and Mrs Richard Pitcher, of Maldon, Essex, and Emma, eldest daughter of Mr Paul Beaufrère, of Sheering, Essex, and Mrs Elizabeth Beaufrère, of Panfield, Essex.

**Mr B.A. Plaskow
and Miss J-L.C. Richardson**
The engagement is announced between Bruno, eldest son of Dr and Mme M. Plaskow, of Weybridge, Surrey and Lavit, France, and Jenni-Louise, niece of Mr and Mrs G.A. Kissock, of Epsom, Surrey.

Latest wills

William Hester, of Arkley, Hertfordshire, left estate valued at £22,588,705 net. He left his estate mostly to relatives.

Kathleen Dorothy Stevens, of High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, left estate valued at £1,017,094 net.

Guy Walter Mitchell, of Crawley, West Sussex, left estate valued at £1,189,776 net.

Susan Chance, of Andover, Hampshire, left estate valued at £1,293,087 net.

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BIRTHS

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BURNETT - On 28th July 1997, to Zoë (née Campbell) and Richard, a daughter, Amy Katherine.

CARR-WHITWORTH - On 7th July, to Caroline and Roger, a daughter, Rachel May, a sister for James.

CLARKE - On July 24th 1997 in Sheffield, to Charlotte Ridsdale and Gary Clarke, a beautiful son, George Louis.

CLENCH - On July 28th, to Claire (née Mainstone) and Andrew, a daughter, Madeleine Alice.

COHEN - On July 29th 1997, to Jennifer (née Cummin) and James, a son, Daniel Benjamin.

COOPER - On Saturday July 26th 1997 at The Royal Hospital, Chesterfield, to Romina (née Davis) and John, their first-born, a daughter, Olivia Mary.

GRAY - On July 25th 1997, to Annabel (née Ludovici) and Ashley, a son, Louis Albert James, a brother for Lily and Theodora.

GUERRINI - On July 25th, to Detta (née Phillips) and Dominic, a son.

HOCKING - On 29th July at East Surrey Hospital, Redhill, to Caroline and Ian, a son, James Allister.

MAYO - To Philippa and Rupert, on 30th July at Melton Mowbray, a daughter, Florence Grace, a sister for Bertie and Kitty.

McLAREN - On 9th July 1997 in Paris, to Sally (née Reid) and Michael, a daughter, Sophie Annabel Mary, a sister for James.

MILLER - On 25th July 1997 at The Lindo Wing, St Mary's, Paddington, to Sarah (née Coltart) and Andrew, a son, Hugh David Charles, a brother for Nicholas and Alexander.

NASH - On July 29th, to Yolanda (née Page) and Duncan, a daughter, Matilda Lucy Emily.

NEWMAN - Tomas Seth, born to Matt and Rachel (née Coward) on July 29th at The Royal Cornwall Hospital, Truro, weighing 8lbs 6oz.

STRATFORD - On 28th June, to Hilary (née Pennington-Mellor) and Matthew, a daughter, Lily.

TREGEAR - On July 25th 1997, to Gabrielle (née Russell) and James, a son, Henry Prosper James. Thanks to all at University College Hospital.

WAKEFIELD - On 26th July, to Aida and Peter, a son, James Samso, a brother for Phoebe.

DEATHS

ATHERTON - May Flossie died peacefully Northwick Park Hospital, Harrow 6th June. Dearly missed by Jim, her loving husband.

BODDY - Arabella Millicent in a motor accident in France on Sunday 27th July. Funeral at St James', Burton in Kendal, Cumbria on Thursday 7th August at 2pm. There will be a Thanksgiving in London later in the year.

BRANGWYN - Patrick (Pat), beloved husband of Yvonne, father, stepfather and grandfather, died peacefully on July 28th after a brief stay in Bexhill Hospital. Private cremation will take place on 5th August.

CAMPBELL - William John, late of Tanzania and Malawi and latterly of Gainsborough and Lincoln, on 30th July 1997 in his 87th year. Much loved husband of Betty and loving father and grandfather. Funeral Service at St Peter's in Eastgate Church on Friday 8th August at 11 am. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to The British Heart Foundation. Enquiries to Lincoln Co-op Funeral Service, 12 Portland Street, Lincoln, tel: (01522) 534971.

CHEAPE - On July 29th 1997 at his home in Durban, South Africa, Captain Oran Cheape, late Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, son of the late Brigadier General Cheape of Tiroran, Isle of Mull.

CHAMBERLAIN - On 29th July 1997, Eileen Chamberlain aged 86, wife of the late Canon Roy Chamberlain, dearest mother of Peter and Angela, mother-in-law of Caroline and dear grandmother of Juliet, Rachel, Sarah, Mark and Vanessa. Private cremation on Monday 11th August followed by Thanksgiving Service at St Mary's Church, Sawston, Cambridge at 2.30pm. Family flowers only, donations if wished for the British Heart Foundation may be sent c/o H.J. Paintin Ltd, 43 High Street, Linton, Cambridge CB1 6HS.

COOPER - On 24th July, Jocelyn (Jo), peacefully after a brave battle with cancer. Funeral Service at St Peter & St Paul's Church, Shiplake (south of Henley-on-Thames) at 2 pm on Wednesday 6th August 1997. Flowers to Tomalin & Son, 38 Reading Road, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon. RG9 1AG.

DuBUISSON - On Wednesday 30th July peacefully Mamey, beloved wife of Bill DuBuisson. Funeral at Holy Trinity, Forest Green, near Dorking, on Friday 8th August at 3.30 pm. Flowers may be sent to Sherlock & Sons, Trellis House, Dorking, Surrey RH4 2BS.

HARMAN - R. Alec, Musician, on July 24th. Dearly loved husband of Judy, father and grandfather. Meeting for worship Haycombe Cemetery, Bath, on Monday 4th August at 12 noon.

HARVEY - Peacefully on 19th July 1997, aged 85, Barbara (née Alderson), widow of John and much loved aunt of Judith, Christopher and Philippa. Funeral on Tuesday 19th August at Castleton Church, Sherborne at 1 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, but donations, if you wish to The Friends of the Yeatman Hospital, c/o Rasons tel: (01935) 813479.

HEATH - Gordon Leopold Gambier peacefully at home on 28th July. Husband of Elizabeth and stepfather of Catherine and Mark. A private funeral has taken place in Coldharbour.

HILL - On July 24th suddenly and unexpectedly in London, John Austen aged 73 years, retired consultant physician in RAF. Greatly missed by family and friends who felt sad and diminished by his death. Funeral St George's Church, Campden Hill, London W8 on Friday August 8th at 11 am, followed by cremation. Flowers to the church or if preferred donations to St George's Church c/o Leverton & Sons Ltd. Funeral Directors, 212 Eversholt Street, London NW1 1BD.

HOWELL - On July 29th 1997, Pamela Doris, dearly beloved wife of the late Tudor, mother of Penny and Bronwen and devoted grannie to David, Rebecca and Harry. Funeral at St Michael's Church, Aldbourne at 3pm on Monday, 4th August. Flowers may be sent to the Hillier Chapel of Rest, The Broadway, Whitworth Road, Swindon, SN2 3BL. Enquiries (01793) 522797.

HULL - On 28th July, Dorothy Ellen, died peacefully aged 88. Formerly a teacher at British Institute, Lisbon, Portugal. Memorial Service at Huggens College Chapel, Northfleet, Kent, on Friday 8th August at 2.30 pm. Enquiries T.S. Haylock & Son Ltd, tel: (01474) 352159.

KENDALL - Peter on 30th July peacefully at the Conquest Hospital, Hastings, aged 79. Greatly loved husband of Moirin and father of Jenny, John and Jeremy.

LITTLE - Ruth Elspeth on 28th July, 1997, very peacefully in The Farleigh Hospice, Chelmsford. Widow of John Little, much loved mother of Alison and Katherine and grandmother to Megan, Alex and Sam. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church, Pleshey, on Monday 11th August, 1997, at 11.30 am. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to The Farleigh Hospice c/o T. Pennack and Sons, Funeral Directors, 1/3, Maldon Road, Great Baddow, Chelmsford, CM2 7DW.

MORT - On July 30th 1997 peacefully in hospital, John Ernest Llewelyn Mort M.A. LL.D. C.B.E. aged 82 years. Much loved Husband of Barbara and uncle of Simon. Formerly Bishop of Northern Nigeria and Assistant Bishop of Leicester. Funeral Service will take place at St Mary in the Elms Church, Old Woodhouse, Leicestershire on Friday August 8th at 12 noon, followed by interment in the churchyard. No flowers please, donations if desired for LOROS (to whom cheques should be made payable). Memorial Service will be held at Leicester Cathedral on Tuesday September 2nd at 12 noon c/o Ginns and Gutteridge tel: (0116) 2516117.

PARISH - On July 28th 1997 peacefully at The Royal Marsden Hospital Sutton. Graham aged 45 years. Beloved husband of Gill. Much loved son of Muriel and brother of Stuart. Funeral Service at Woking St Johns Crematorium on Wednesday August 6th at 2pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to "Bud Flanagan Ward" Royal Marsden Hospital, c/o Woking Funeral Service. Tel: 01483 772266.

RUSSELL - John Lawson, 1906-1997, quietly at home on July 29th. Late of the Royal Aircraft Establishment Farnborough - and Frensham Pond Sailing Club.

REMINGTON-HOBBS - Colonel Edward, late Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, DSO., OBE., KSt J., died peacefully at home on 29th July 1997 after a long illness fought with great courage. Much loved husband of Susie, father of Julie, grandfather of George and stepfather of Barry, Simon, Sheelin, David, Anthony and Vanessa. Funeral private. Service of Thanksgiving at St Nicholas Church, Leeds at 12 noon on Tuesday 12th August 1997. No flowers please, donations if desired to St John Ambulance, Kent, 31 Tower Hill, West Malling ME19 6QL. Any enquiries to A.W. Court, Maidstone (01622) 850840.

SEYMOUR - Timothy Hugh, peacefully at home on July 30th after a long and courageous fight against cancer, beloved husband of Valerie, father of Penelope, Anne, Fiona and Joanna and adored grandfather of Tatiana and Johnny. A Thanksgiving Service will be held on Tuesday 2nd September at 3 pm at Ashe Church, Hampshire. Flowers welcome but donations much appreciated for the West Dorset Macmillan Service or Marie Curie Cancer Care may be sent to Bracher Brothers F/D, Gillingham, Dorset SP8 4QL, tel: (01747) 822494.

SIMPSON - David OBE FCA at home on 27th July 1997. Formerly of Accra, Ghana. Deeply loved and greatly missed by his family. Service at All Saints Church, Harpole, Northampton, on Monday 4th August at 12 noon. All enquiries to R. Hollowell and Son Funeral Directors, tel: (01604) 792222.

SLATCHER - William Kenneth (Ken) CMG - CVO. On July 31st aged 71, in Montpellier, France surrounded by all his loving family. Funeral Saturday August 2nd 9.45a.m. Complexe Funeraire de Grammont Ave. Albert Einstein 34000 Montpellier, France.

STOKER - Richard Thomas died suddenly and peacefully July 28th aged 80 years. A Memorial Service shall be arranged later. Enquiries (01603) 625495.

TOWNSEND - Cyril, of Twyford, Berkshire, on July 29th at the Royal Berkshire Hospital. Much-loved husband of Monica (dec'd) and father of Nick and Stephen. Funeral at St Mary's, Twyford, on Tuesday August 5th at 11.30 am. Family flowers only, donations to: Royal Berkshire & Battle Hospitals NHS Trust I.C.U. Fund.

VALENTINE - Vi, widow of Alfred (late of Guildford), mother of Michael and Janet, much loved by them and their families, died peacefully in her 97th year on July 29th at Collingtree Park Nursing Home, Northampton. Funeral Service at 2.15 pm Tuesday August 5th at Collingtree Church followed by private burial. Family flowers only but if desired donations to the RNLI may be sent to Ann Bonham & Son, 71 St Giles Street, Northampton NN1 1JF, tel: (01604) 34368.

WESTMORELAND - On 30th July 1997, Jean Alexandra, beloved wife of Edward and dear mother of Penelope and Robert, passed away peacefully following a brief illness, aged 82 years, after a long and happy life. Funeral Service to take place at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip on Friday 8th August 1997 at 12.00 noon. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council c/o E. Spark Ltd, 104 Pinner Road, Northwood, Middx. HA6 1BS. Tel: 01923 825372.

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OBITUARIES

LORD GOOLD

Lord Goold, chairman of the Scottish Conservative Party, 1983-90, died of lung cancer on July 27 aged 63. He was born on May 28, 1934.

Jim Goold devoted much of his life to the Conservative cause in Scotland, during a period when the party's support was draining inexorably away. He enjoyed considerable influence with Margaret Thatcher, who placed great trust in him; but their attempts to convince Scotland of the benefits and merits of her revolution were unsuccessful. The decisive miscalculation of their joint strategy was the introduction of the poll tax in Scotland in time for the general election of 1987.

James Duncan Goold was a scion of the West of Scotland's old mercantile class, Protestant and Unionist, and he remained true to its values all his life. Educated at Glasgow Academy, he qualified as a chartered accountant and practised in New Zealand and Australia before returning to enter the construction industry, becoming managing director of the Glasgow construction company Mactaggart & Mickel, and later its chairman.

Although he was active on industry committees, he will be remembered as one of the most significant, if least known, figures in Scottish politics of the 1980s. As an office-holder in his constituency party in East Renfrewshire, he had formed a close bond with Betty Harvie Anderson, who led the internal Unionist opposition to Edward Heath's decision in 1968 to commit the Tories to home rule.

Indeed, Harvie Anderson's was one of the more powerful voices that succeeded in persuading Mrs Thatcher, when she became Leader of the Opposition, that home rule was splitting the party in Scotland, and should be dropped. This was duly done — to the embarrassment of some of the party's most prominent Scottish spokesmen — after Mrs Thatcher formed her first administration in 1979.

First as chairman of the CBI in Scotland from 1981-83, and then as chairman of the Scottish Conservative Party from 1983 to 1990, Goold not only enjoyed considerable standing with rank-and-file Tories, but had the ear of Mrs Thatcher. Critics said this was because he told her what she wanted to hear; a more perceptive analysis was that their prejudices coincided.

The old mercantile Unionists combined a belief in free enterprise with a suspicion of Labour councils and trade unions. They stood out in marked contrast to the party's patrician wing, with whom Mrs Thatcher had little in common and which, after the 1987 general election, she came to despise. Goold also possessed discretion, loyalty, and — unusually for a politician — was singularly free from egotism.

The 1980s were a difficult period for the Scottish party, which as recently as 1955 had commanded more than 50 per cent of the popular vote and more than half the parliamentary seats north of the border. Traditional industries were disappearing, which was scarcely propitious for the restoration of Tory fortunes, but the most serious problems arose with the poll tax. Under pressure from professional valuers, the Scottish Office failed to postpone the quinquennial rating revaluation. This meant swingeing increases in the business rate and uproar among traditional Tory voters in Scotland.

One of the ironies of the whole fiasco was that the tax was levied on the Scots before the English or the Welsh because senior Scottish Tories saw in it their salvation — not, as the more suspicious Scots believed, because Mrs Thatcher had it in for them. In particular, the poll tax, with its theoretically greater accountability, appealed to Conservatives such as Goold, who resented what they saw as the profligate use by Labour councils of other people's money.

But it was a political disaster, and the party was duly punished in the election of 1987, when its parliamentary representation was cut from 21 to ten. For Mrs Thatcher the obvious scapegoats were the Scottish Office, of whose civil servants she was suspicious, and the then Secretary of State for Scotland, Malcolm Rifkind.

Goold would have been less than human had he not felt discouraged. About this time he congratulated a friend who had taken on an onerous and controversial post: Goold said that he was delighted to know that he no longer had "the worst job in Scotland".

In 1989 he handed over his honorary position to a new chairman-designate, Michael Forsyth, whose attempts to renovate the party machine provoked much bad feeling internally, and hardly improved the Tories' electoral fortunes.

If Goold hoped for a more peaceful time when, a couple of years later, he took over the chairmanship of the Royal Scottish Orchestra, he was to be disappointed. The orchestra was embroiled in internal strife, and Goold had to take a great deal of public flak. Before he stepped down in 1993, he uncharacteristically gave vent to his private irritation. "It hasn't been much of a job," he said. "You don't get paid a halfpenny for it."

At the beginning of this year he returned from a Caribbean holiday with what he thought was a chest infection: in fact, he had cancer in both lungs. He bore his final illness bravely, with a touch of bitterness that a disease associated with smoking should strike a man who had never smoked in his life. He was unable this summer to fulfil his duties as Lord High Commissioner of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, duties which were carried out instead by Lord Macfarlane.

Goold was knighted in 1983 and became a life peer in 1987. He was appointed Lord Lieutenant of Renfrewshire in 1994. He was active in the leadership of the Boys' Brigade and in many charities.

His wife died in 1992. He is survived by two sons and a daughter.

PROFESSOR GEORGE DICK

George Dick, Professor of Pathology at London University, 1966-73, died on July 3 aged 82. He was born in Glasgow on August 14, 1914.

GEORGE DICK was a great virologist and researcher. When he graduated, the only known human viruses were yellow fever, smallpox and influenza, but over the following fifty years he made fundamental contributions to expanding this branch of knowledge. He had a wide range of research interests, including vaccine development and vaccination policies (against, for instance, smallpox, polio and whooping cough), and he continued to work on multiple sclerosis until very recently.

He was the author or editor of several books and of more than 200 scientific publications, and an adviser to the British Government, the World Health Organisation and many other bodies around the world. He was concerned not only with discovery but also with ensuring that public health policies reflected the latest scientific thinking.

George Williamson Auchinvole Dick was educated at the Royal High School in Edinburgh, going on from there to Edinburgh University, where he completed degrees in medicine and science and was awarded the Buchanan medal. He had planned to specialise in obstetrics after supervising a successful breech delivery in a shepherd's cottage. But the Second World War forced him, like many of his generation, to alter his plans.

In 1941 he found himself in what was then Abyssinia and British and Italian Somaliland, with wide-ranging responsibilities for laboratories and laboratory services. He travelled extensively in the region, with a small team and his faithful companion Tabu, a black labrador. In the period immediately after the war he contributed to some seminal investigations on the vector of tick typhus in Kenya and on the epidemiology of polio in Mauritius.

He continued to work in East Africa for a number of years, seconded by the Colonial Medical Research Service to the Rockefeller Foundation's yellow fever research laboratory in Entebbe, Uganda, where he made some key contributions to understanding the natural history of the fever and its prevention by immunisation. These were exciting times, often spent working "on safari". Dick had recently married, and he and his wife Brenda embraced the opportunities enthusiastically.

From Uganda, they moved to the United States, where Dick worked at the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health. This was a very productive period for him, and he made a number of lifelong friends.

After a brief period at the National Institute for Medical Research in Mill Hill, London, 1951-53, Dick devoted twenty years to research, teaching and the development of pathology services. From 1953 to 1965 he built up a new Department of Microbiology at The Queen's University, Belfast. He was subsequently Director of the Bland Sutton Institute at the Middlesex Hospital, as well as holding the Bland Sutton Chair of Pathology at London University from 1965 to 1973.

Then in 1973, at an age when most people are planning their retirement, he was as appointed assistant director of the British Postgraduate Medical Federation. He threw himself into some of the new challenges, particularly focusing on ways to strengthen general practice and improve health professionals' access to information through the medical library services.

When he was finally forced to retire officially, he created the Medical Advisory and Research Consultancy Group, which provided postgraduate medical advice and support for a number of countries in Africa and the Middle East.

Dick was also a gifted teacher and an innovative and effective manager. He was a rigorous and self-critical thinker and exhibited a number of the characteristics for which his Covenantor ancestors were famous: a rebellious nature, strong convictions and a recognition of the importance of being true to one's principles. These were among the reasons why he founded the Rowhook Medical Society, which invited like-minded iconoclasts to meet once a year at his home in Sussex to challenge and be challenged — and, of course, to enjoy the hospitality for which he and and his wife were renowned.

Apart from his work, his family and his involvement with Amnesty International, campaigning against nuclear and anti-personnel weapons and fighting for other social causes, his great love was his garden. His hard work and creativity live on not only in the field of medicine but also in the fields around his 16th-century farm house in Sussex, which at this time of year burst with life and colour.

George Dick is survived by his wife, Brenda, two sons and two daughters.

FAITH JAQUES

Faith Jaques, author and illustrator, died on July 12 aged 73. She was born in Leicester on December 13, 1923.

MENTION Mr Toad or Winnie-the-Pooh to most people and they will think immediately not of the words of Kenneth Grahame or A. A. Milne, but of the illustrations by E. H. Shepard. Faith Jaques recognised the importance of this, and as an illustrator for all her working life she was tenacious in the quest to make agents and publishers acknowledge it and reward more fully the "unashamed accompanist".

As a member of the Society of Authors, she was a leading figure in campaigns to ensure that artists are included alongside authors in royalty agreements, and have continuing rights in their artwork after its use by publishers. When the legislation to establish Public Lending Right was under discussion, she was again among those who successfully negotiated the inclusion of illustrators within the arrangement designed to recompense authors according to the frequency with which their work is borrowed from public libraries.

Faith Jaques had a comfortable, if restricted, childhood and youth, moving from Wyggeston Grammar School to the Leicester College of Art. Her war service was intellectually stimulating. She joined the Wrens, but found herself afloat in the Bodleian Library, helping to realise the strategic potential of its substantial photographic holdings. However, when she resumed her studies in London, at the Central School of Arts and Crafts, she encountered all the routine privations of student life — and subsequently the freelance's lot.

A slim grant of £4 a week ate into her £30 Wren's gratuity, and only as graduation approached did she begin to exploit the possibilities of drawing for magazines and teaching what she had learnt.

This experience was to be the bedrock of her career. Part-time teaching at Guildford School of Art was followed by 15 years at Hornsey, until the upheavals there in 1968 caused her to quit, and she worked industriously at the many commissions which were bread-and-butter for the freelance graphic artist in the 1950s and 1960s: magazine illustration — especially for *Radio Times* — company brochures, programmes, and menus. She was also commissioned to design commemorative postage stamps, including the Christmas set for 1978.

As a passionate reader from childhood onwards, she had always seen herself as an illustrator, and as the market for ephemeral work declined, she turned more and more towards book illustration. She had done a variety of jobs for the mass-market publishers Adprint during the 1950s, but her forte was really in the demanding field of line-drawing, and it was here that her reputation was finally established. In 1967, she was chosen by Roald Dahl to illustrate the English edition of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* (first published in New York with pictures by Joseph Schindelman), and that year saw her emergence as one of the more prolific illustrators of contemporary children's books.

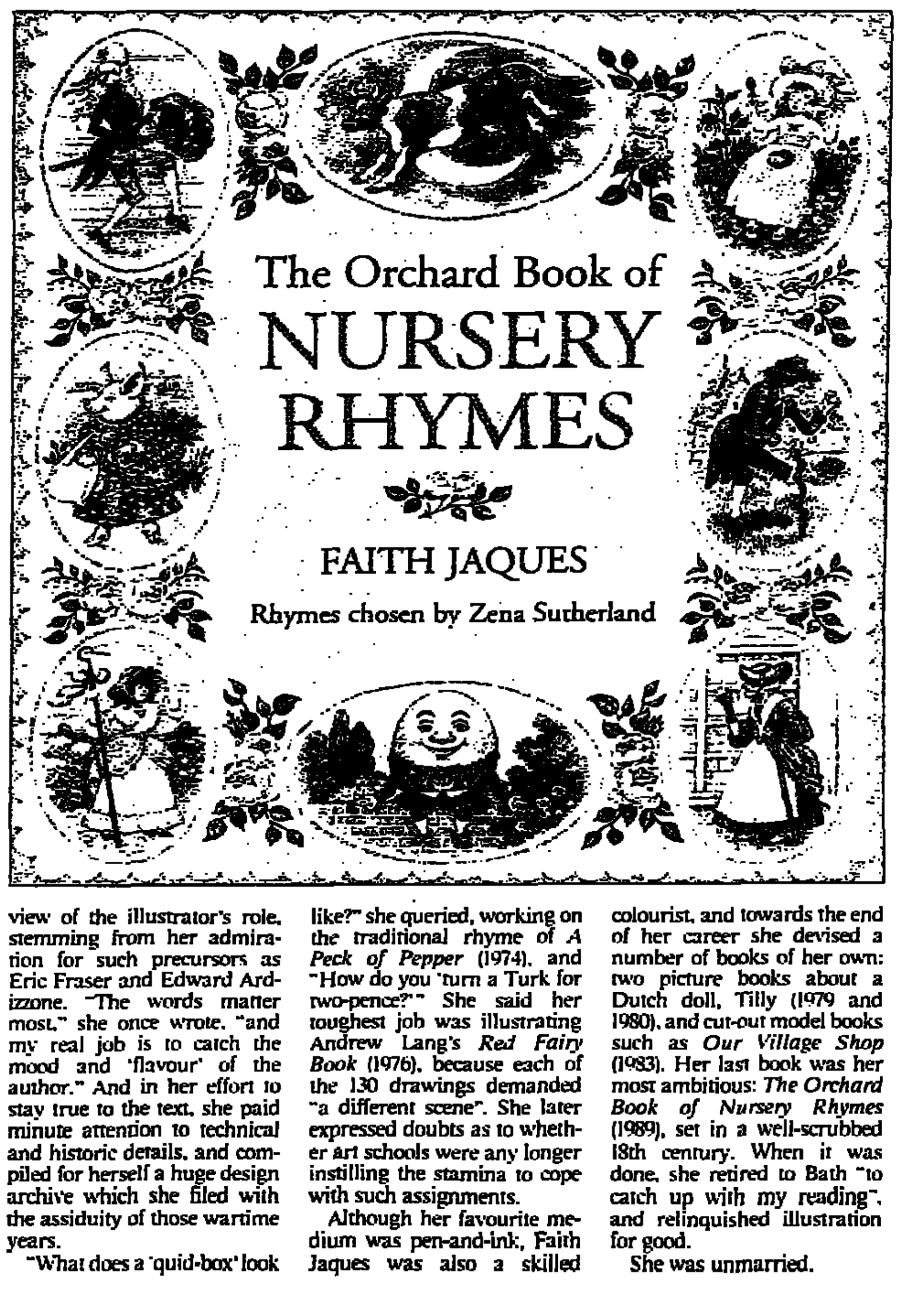
Outstanding among her many collaborative works were the pen drawings for Philippa Pearce's *What the Neighbours Did* and the watercolours for Ursula Moray Williams's *The Picnic with the Aunts* (both 1972).

Faith Jaques took a classic view of the illustrator's role, stemming from her admiration for such precursors as Eric Fraser and Edward Ardizzone. "The words matter most," she once wrote, "and my real job is to catch the mood and 'flavour' of the author." And in her effort to stay true to the text, she paid minute attention to technical and historic details, and compiled for herself a huge design archive which she filed with the assiduity of those wartime years.

"What does a 'quid-box' look like?" she queried, working on the traditional rhyme of *A Peck of Pepper* (1974), and "How do you 'turn a Turk for two-pence?'" She said her toughest job was illustrating Andrew Lang's *Red Fairy Book* (1976), because each of the 130 drawings demanded "a different scene". She later expressed doubts as to whether art schools were any longer instilling the stamina to cope with such assignments.

Although her favourite medium was pen-and-ink, Faith Jaques was also a skilled colourist, and towards the end of her career she devised a number of books of her own: two picture books about a Dutch doll, Tilly (1979 and 1980), and cut-out model books such as *Our Village Shop* (1983). Her last book was her most ambitious: *The Orchard Book of Nursery Rhymes* (1989), set in a well-scrubbed 18th century. When it was done, she retired to Bath "to catch up with my reading", and relinquished illustration for good.

She was unmarried.



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FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

MALVERN, JULY 31

ON THIS DAY

August 1, 1936

Helen Jerome, who had had some experience of the difficulty of adapting novels by the Brontës for the stage, found that Jane Eyre *was no exception.*

Adaptations in the past of "Jane Eyre" have foundered on the capital difficulty of distilling for the stage the poetry of a tale which in outline, as in much of its detail, is antiquated melodrama. There is nothing easier than to rearrange in scenes and acts the principal incidents in Jane's life. The impact of the masterful Rochester upon this lonely little governess; the mystery of the maniac in the secluded wing of the old house; the disclosure on Jane's wedding day that the maniac is Rochester's wife; and the accident which reduces the masterful sinner to a blind and dependent hero — these matters may be conveniently, and in a sense effectively, represented on the stage, but they will not, for playgoers who are also novel readers, necessarily represent "Jane Eyre".

Miss Helen Jerome has not triumphed where others have failed. She has not distilled sufficient poetry to light up character drawing which is rarely more than vigorous and elementary; she has found no substitute for the dark and lonely landscape which in the novel seems to purge melodrama of half its crudity; nor has she found it possible to turn into dialogue anything of Jane's own analysis of her passionate and romantic temperament. She has not, in short, done for Charlotte Brontë what she lately did for Jane Austen, and not many of those who see the play are likely to feel that it gives them the same pleasure that the book gives. A measure of failure seems inevitable, but Miss Jerome has not exceeded this measure. Indeed, she has succeeded in putting together an extreme actable romance.

Rochester might as appropriately give his name to the play. They share the stage, and he is perhaps the more interesting of the two, for Miss Jerome and Mr. Reginald Tate between them contrive to make of him a more persuasive character than the Brontë Rochester. His brutality is there, but it has been transposed to the more realistic scene, and as Mr. Tate brilliantly represents him he is a sharp-tongued ironist with a conscience and a rude tenderness of heart. Jane is almost a subordinate figure, and, unskilfully played, might be no more than a conventional heroine. Miss Curigwen Lewis, discovering emotional delicacy where there is no depth, is still grave, and not too quaint. In a performance remarkable for restraint and quiet expressiveness, these two bear the chief burden of a play which, judged as an adaptation, is unsuccessful, but as a romance is a seriously successful mingling of strong drama and charm.

THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

Simon breaks silence on shares

■ Lord Simon of Highbury, the minister at the centre of the BP shares row, today fights back against his Tory critics, rejecting their "charges and innuendoes" that he is guilty of a conflict of interest in keeping his £2 million holding.

The Minister for Trade and Competitiveness in Europe, and former chairman of BP, warns that the furore stirred up by the Conservatives might make other businessmen wary of becoming involved in government........Pages 1, 8, 16

Explorer finds sunken Roman treasures

■ The explorer who found the wreck of the *Titanic* has used an underwater robot and a nuclear submarine to prowl the depths of the Mediterranean, discovering the greatest concentration of ancient shipwrecks. Robert Ballard was joined by two British archaeologists in his latest venture........Pages 1, 3

Mills battle

Dame Barbara Mills was fighting to restore her credibility as Director of Public Prosecution as the Government further reduced her independence after the Crown Prosecution Service was castigated by the courts....Page 1

Fishing claims

Spanish trawler owners are entitled to claim compensation for the multimillion-pound losses they claim they suffered while being excluded from British fishing waters, the High Court ruled Page 1

Blair code

Tony Blair has approved the toughest "catch all" code to govern the conduct of Ministers in a clear attempt to clean up politics, restore public trust and enshrine the primacy of No 10........Page 2

Mother's name right

A woman has the right to give her illegitimate baby her own surname, the Court of Appeal ruled yesterday........Page 2

School trip drowning

A ten-year-old girl died after getting into difficulties while swimming on a school trip to the North Welsh coast........Page 3

Lawrence inquiry

A four-man inquiry led by a former High Court judge will investigate the role of police and lawyers in the Stephen Lawrence case, Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, announced........Page 4

Historic baby

A mother told of her joy at being able to cuddle the baby who made medical history and survived pioneering surgery for a life-threatening condition........Page 6

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A-level standards classical civilisation have fallen to their lowest *point in ten years, according to an* examiner who believes that many of the 350 candidates he marked *deserved minus scores*......Page 7

HIV case sentence

A Cypriot fisherman who is dying of Aids was jailed for 15 months for knowingly infecting a British divorcée with HIV........Page 9

Corrupt Britain

Britain is seen as more corrupt than seven other European Union countries, including Germany, according to an authoritative annual league table........Page 10

Israeli raids

Israeli security forces raided areas of the West Bank to arrest *suspected Islamic extremists after* the suicide bombings in Jerusalem's market which left 15 people *dead*........Page 11

Landslide casualties

Rescuers continued to dig with their hands through the freezing ruins of two Australian ski lodges hit by a landslide. Eleven men and eight women were still buried under debris........Page 12

The Avebury Four lose their appeal

■ *Sir Ludovic Kennedy has been driven to reconsider his* opposition to the death penalty by the anti-social conduct of four intruders in his Wiltshire garden. They are peacocks who are popular among tourists visiting the historic village of Avebury but who have lost all their appeal among residents........Page 5

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Linford Christie, dressed as an ancient Greek, with Jamie Baulch before the World Athletics Championships in Athens: Page 38

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London Transport has awarded a Private Finance Initiative project to replace bus and Underground tickets with new "smart cards" to a consortium led by ICL, the computer group, and EDS, the Texan consultancy........Page 21

Capital bid: Nigel Griffiths, the Competition Minister, referred Capital Radio's bid for Virgin Radio to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission........Page 21

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Cricket: Stuart Law, the Australian batsman who plays for Essex, hit a magnificent century against Nottinghamshire. Much of the rest of the championship programme was disrupted by rain........Page 36

Football: Manchester United have abandoned their attempts to sign Celio Silva, the Brazil defender, after the player was refused a work permit........Page 40

Golf: The intense competition to win places in the Europe Ryder Cup team dominated matters on the first day of the Volvo Scandinavian Masters in Malmo....Page 37

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Chemical reaction: Who plays "psychedelic hip hop trance-melt space-bombed electro techno rock 'n'roll with extra superfly funk"? The Chemical Brothers .... Page 29

Road rage: Going on the road with a rock band may sound like a sexy, thrilling adventure, but the reality is a frock-ruining exercise in boredom, says Caitlin Moran . Page 29

Kirov curiosity: *The Fountain of Bakhchisarai* is classic Soviet melodrama with an unremarkable score and choreography but that doesn't stop the Kirov giving it their all........Page 30

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Losing its taste: Is sushi the kebab of the 1990s and, like that meal-on-*a-stick, about to lose its appeal to* fashionable people?........Page 14

Game for a date: Post-feminism has not made the dating game any easier for women, says Imogen Edwards-Jones........Page 15

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Music matters: Students, teachers, eminent professionals and children come together for a musical journey with the Music for Everyone programme........Page 32

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The great pre-election hope of the Kohl government — reform of the tax system — has been dashed. Germany will *stay burdened* with high taxes. That will scare off investors because even socialist-ruled *neighbours* are declaring a readiness to tackle to excesses of the social welfare system

—*Suddeutsche Zeitung*

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Preview: Gregor Fisher is back as the string-vested sage, *Rab C. Nesbitt* (BBC2, 9.30pm). **Review:** Matthew Bond on Patten's farewell to Hong Kong........Pages 38, 39

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What Simon says

If Lord Simon has erred on the side of caution with regard to insider dealing, he has erred on the side of incaution with regard to possible conflicts of interest........Page 17

Deng's tricky legacy

The coming Congress *will provide* the first clues as to whether Deng's heirs can manage the forces unleashed in *China by the success* of the limited reforms that the master pragmatist allowed........Page 17

In the fast lane

The motor trade might look forward to a somewhat more sensible distribution of sales and the sight of the beach in August. This particular tradition should be parked with little compunction........Page 17

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LORD SIMON

When the Prime Minister asked me to be Minister for Trade and Competitiveness in Europe, I had to think twice about it. Three months on I am sure that I made the right decision........Page 16

JOHN LLOYD

Sovereignty in this country was once a layered and subtle concoction in which acquiescence in Westminster government was reasserted through a thousand shared experiences. But the layers have long been unravelling........Page 16

MATTHEW PARRIS

A favourite book is like a favourite person. She may not be the best. She may be no better than dozens of others and she may be no better than she ought to be. But you love her with all her faults. For me this book is Thornton Wilder's *The Bridge of San Luis Rey*........Page 16

PETER RIDDELL

The Tories should be concentrating on the constitutional upheaval in Whitehall and the creation of the Blair presidency........Page 8

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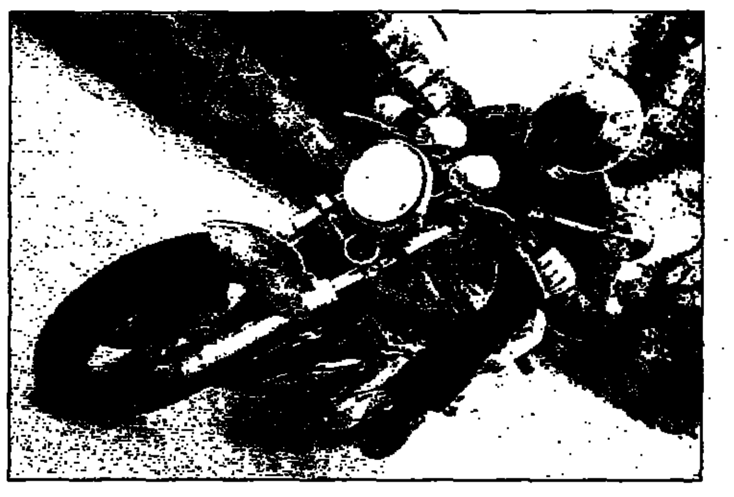

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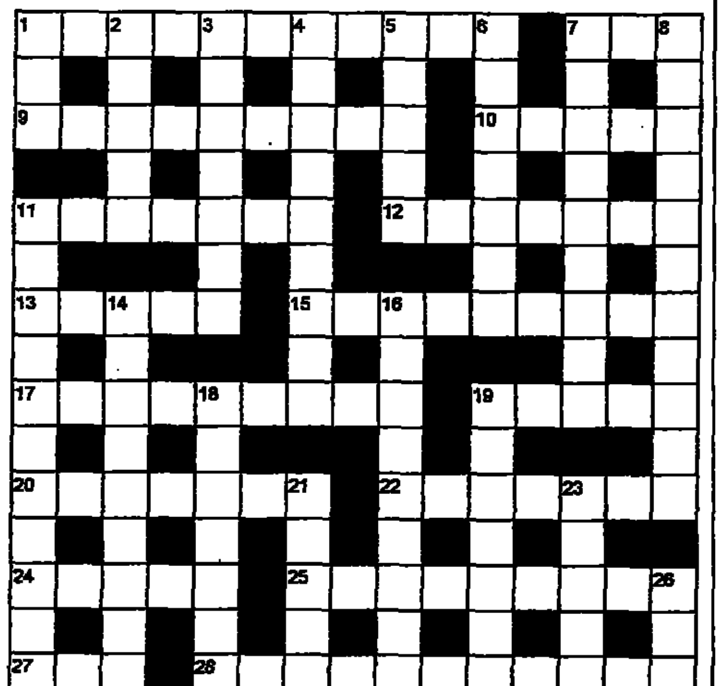

ACROSS

1 Kingdom whose southern neighbour could become enemy? (5,6).
7 Beat music of a sort (3).
9 They need good drivers to keep them on course (4,5).
10 Every other part of this material is new (5).
11 Verify it's criminal business (7).
12 Show US claim to be invalid (7).
13 Lower classes, some in poor financial position (5).
15 Crockford, for example, girl found at church office (9).
17 Local intake's reflected in this projection of the corporation (4-5).
19 Bother with duck sauce (5).
20 Vanished with collection of ten-cent pieces, without returning it (7).
22 Carried away Lily with car — convertible (7).
24 Criticise strike (5).
25 Old learner and I go to out-dated college that restricts competition (9).
27 Use it to fish for perch (3).
28 A patient with this has to take something (11).

DOWN

1 Decline thus to raise matter, in one form (3).
2 Cavalryman showing us his lances are new, originally (5).
3 One line inside popular bar is inherent to the architecture (2-5).
4 A worthy person, for example (4,5).
5 Bust succeeded all-round period of prosperity (5).
6 Person with a problem recollecting name, thus (7).
7 Encounter a misfortune under ladder (3,6).
8 As result of foul play, Len got a score like this? (7,4).
11 Fellow always grasping opportunity as solver of cryptic puzzles (4-7).
14 Sorts of geese and pigeons found in Essex town (9).
16 Source of change sanctioned by the monarchy (5,4).
18 Report on King satisfactory in royal city out East (7).
19 Act according to custom (7).
21 Put up with what's necessary when having a row (5).
23 Top flier going directly north (5).
26 Old agreement runs out at end of 1997, say (3).

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Wales and western England will have a lot of cloud with mist and drizzle at first, *but it should be brighter and fresher in* the North West later. Northern Ireland and Scotland will have rain at first, and will slowly become drier and brighter during the day.

Tonight, light rain or drizzle possible in southern England, where the night will be mild and humid. Elsewhere, with the exception of an isolated shower in northern Scotland, it will be dry and cooler than of late.

☐ **London, SE England, Central S England, E Midlands, W Midlands, Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales:** generally cloudy, muggy and warm. Feeling hot where cloud does break. *Light winds. Max 25C (77F).*

☐ **E Anglia, E England:** early rain then dry and mainly cloudy, although a few areas will see some afternoon sunshine. Light winds. *Max 25C (77F).*

☐ **N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Central N England, NE England:** cloudy with light rain or drizzle in places, becoming dry with some late sunshine. Light winds. *Max 25C (77F).*

☐ **Borders, SW Scotland, N Ireland:** some early rain then dry, with a small risk of a shower. Sunny spells developing. *Light winds. Max 23C (73F).*

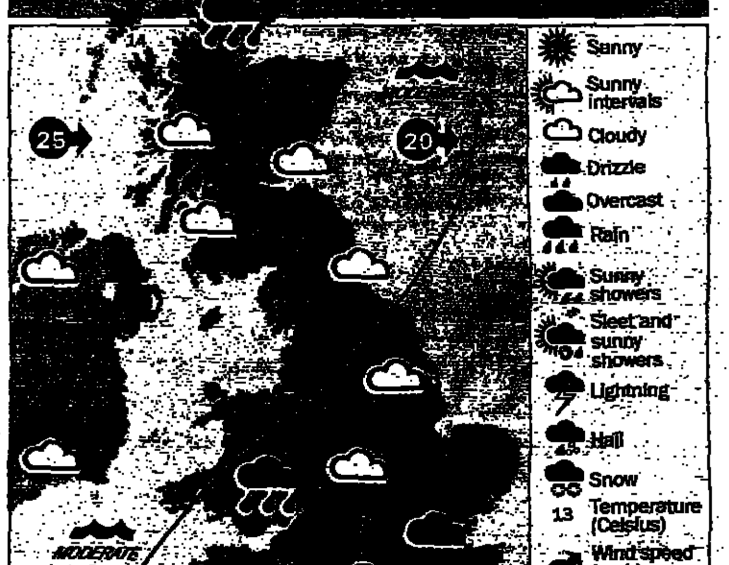
☐ **Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Orkney, Shetland:** rain clearing then dry with long sunny spells. Light to moderate westerly wind. Max 21C (70F).

☐ **Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland:** dry with sunny spells. Light to moderate westerly wind. *Max 21C (70F).*

☐ **Argyll, NW Scotland:** sunny spells with the risk of occasional shower. Moderate westerly wind. Max 20C (68F).

☐ ***Outlook for the weekend:*** cloud and drizzle may linger in southern England and south Wales tomorrow, but most areas will be dry with spells of warm *sunshine. It should stay fine and* warm on Sunday.

☐ **Pollen:** low in all areas *(this forecast, supplied by the Pollen Research Unit, is the last for the 1997 pollen season).*



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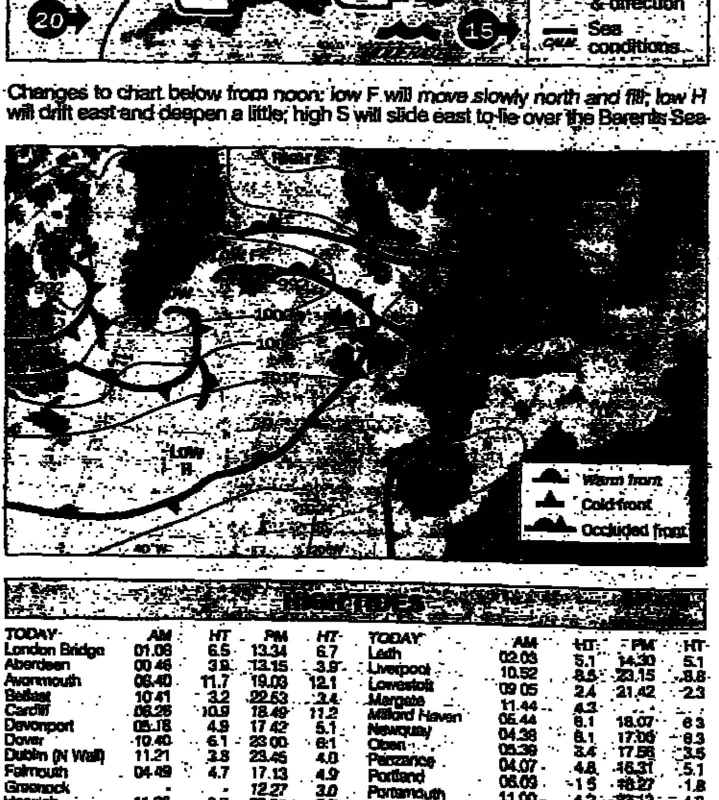

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	4.7	0.05	20	68	c	*Leeds*	0.5	0.02	16	61	d
Anglesey	-	0.34	15	59	r	Lerwick	9.0	-	18	64	s
Aspatria	-	0.02	15	59	r	Leuchars	9.5	0.02	21	70	s
Aviemore	2.4	0.03	18	64	r	Littlehmptn	-	0.02	17	63	r
Belfast	-	0.43	15	59	r	London	0.7	0.15	17	63	r
Birmingham	1.6	0.04	16	61	r	Lowestoft	0.9	0.01	17	63	d
Bognor R	-	0.03	17	63	r	Manchester	0.2	0.10	15	59	r
Bournem'th	0.1	0.06	19	66	r	Margate	1.1	0.02	17	63	r
Bristol	1.3	0.01	18	64	c	Minehead	4.2	0.01	18	64	c
Buxton	0.6	0.36	13	55	r	Morecambe	-	0.06	15	59	r
Cardiff	1.4	0.01	18	64	r	*Newcastle*	9.0	0.01	18	64	sh
Clacton	6.4	0.02	1763			Newquay	7.5	-	19	66	c
Cleethorpes	2.7	-	19	66	c	Norwich	1.8	0.01	17	63	r
Colwyn Bay	X					Oxford	0.2	0.02	18	64	r
Cromer	2.4	0.05	17	63	r	Penzance	X	0.01	20	68	s
Dunbar	X					Poole	X				
Eastbourne	0.4	0.15	16	61	r	Prestatyn	X	0.14	16	61	r
Edinburgh	3.4	0.01	19	66	sh	Ross-o-wye	-	0.02	18	64	sh
Eskdalemuir	0.5	0.31	16	61	sh	Salcombe	3.5	-	19	66	c
Exmouth	1.2	-	20	68	c	Saunton Snd	4.8	-	18	64	s
Falmouth	6.5	-	19	66	b	Scarboro'	4.7	0.02	18	64	s
Fishguard	0.1	0.21	17	63	r	Shrewsbury	1.0	0.13	16	61	r
Folkestone	2.8	0.06	22	72	r	Skegness	2.5	-	17	63	c
Glasgow	1.5	0.12	17	63	sh	Southend	2.0	0.03	23	73	sh
Guernsey	6.6	-	22	72	s	Southport	-	0.17	15	59	r
Hastings	1.4	0.16	17	63	r	Southsea	9.7	0.07	24	75	sh
Hayling I.	0.1	0.05	18	64	sh	*Stornoway*	0.8	0.14	16	61	c
Herne Bay	1.0	0.01	21	70	c	Swanage	0.8	0.07	18	64	r
Hove	0.4	0.05	17	63	r	Teignmouth	1.7	-	20	68	c
Hunstanton	0.4	0.01	17	63	c	Tenby	0.3	0.01	19	66	c
Isle-of-man	0.2	0.40	15	59	r	Tiree	1.1	0.17	15	59	r
Isle-of-wight	-	0.06	17	63	r	Torquay	1.4	-	20	68	c
Jersey	9.0	-	20	68	b	Tynemouth	-	-	X	X	c
Kinloss	1.2	0.02	18	64	c	Weymouth	1.0	-	19	66	c

ABROAD

Ajaccio	27	81	s	Corfu	33	91	s	Majorca	30	86	s	Rome	28	82	s
Akrotiri	29	84	s	C'phagn	20	68	s	Malaga	28	82	s	S Fr'sco	21	70	s
Alex'dria	29	84	f	*Dublin*	17	63	s	Malta	31	88	c	S Paulo	X		
Algiers	29	84	s	Dubrovnik	29	84	s	Melb'rne	13	55	c	Salzburg	24	75	s
Amst'dm	19	66	r	Faro	27	81	s	Mexico C	X			Santiago	12	54	r
Athens	32	90	f	Florence	32	90	s	Miami	33	91	s	Seoul	25	77	t
B Aires	21	70	s	Frankfurt	27	81	f	Milan	28	82	s	Sing'por	33	91	s
Bahrain	37	99	s	*Funchal*	26	79	s	*Montreal*	25	77	s	*St'kholm*	22	72	s
Bangkok	31	88	f	Geneva	27	81	s	Moscow	23	73	f	Strasb'rg	27	81	s
Barbados	27	81	r	Gibraltar	26	79	s	Munich	25	77	s	Sydney	15	59	s
Barcelona	29	84	s	Helsinki	19	66	f	N Delhi	30	86	f	Tangier	26	79	s
Beirut	28	82	s	Hong K	29	84	s	N York	25	77	s	Tel Aviv	30	86	f
Belgrade	26	79	f	*Innsbrck*	25	77	s	*Nairobi*	25	77	f	*Tenerife*	27	81	s
Berlin	24	75	f	Istanbul	27	81	f	Naples	31	88	f	Tokyo	23	73	r
Bermuda	31	88	f	Jeddah	36	97	s	Nice	27	81	s	Toronto	27	81	s
Biarritz	23	73	f	Jo'burg	11	52	c	Oslo	22	72	f	Tunis	33	91	s
Borde'x	28	82	s	L Angels	22	72	s	Paris	26	79	f	Valencia	30	86	s
Brussels	26	79	f	*L Palmas*	26	79	f	Peking	29	84	c	Vanc'ver	23	73	f
Budapest	27	81	f	Le Touq't	19	66	f	Perth	20	68	c	Venice	28	82	s
Cairo	31	88	f	Lisbon	29	84	s	Prague	23	73	f	Vienna	25	77	s
Cape Tn	24	75	s	Locarno	25	77	s	Reykjavik	15	59	s	Warsaw	22	72	f
Ch'church	7	45	X	Luxembg	25	77	f	Rhodes	28	82	s	Wash'ton	X		
Chicago	24	75	s	Luxor	38	100	s	*Rio de J*	30	86	f	Wel'ngton	11	52	X
Cologne	27	81	f	Madrid	32	90	s	Riyadh	43	109	s	Zurich	25	77	s

Temperatures at midday local time on Wednesday X = not available

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	01.08	6.5	13.34	6.7	Leith	02.03	5.1	14.30	5.1
Aberdeen	00.46	3.9	13.15	3.9	Liverpool	10.52	8.5	23.15	8.8
Avonmouth	06.40	11.7	19.03	12.1	Lowestoft	09.05	2.4	21.42	2.3
Belfast	10.41	3.2	22.53	3.4	Margate	11.44	4.3		
Cardiff	06.26	10.9	18.49	11.2	Milford Haven	05.44	6.1	18.07	6.3
Devonport	05.18	4.9	17.42	5.1	Newquay	04.38	6.1	17.06	6.3
Dover	10.40	6.1	23.00	6.1	Oban	05.39	3.4	17.58	3.5
Dublin (N Wall)	11.21	3.8	23.45	4.0	Penzance	04.07	4.8	16.31	5.1
Falmouth	04.49	4.7	17.13	4.9	Portland	06.09	1.5	18.27	1.8
Greenock	-	-	12.27	3.0	Portsmouth	11.00	4.2	23.12	4.3
Harwich	11.26	3.7	23.51	3.7	Shoreham	10.51	5.5	23.10	5.6
Holyhead	10.06	5.0	22.26	5.3	Southampton	10.30	4.2	22.48	4.3
Hull (Albert D)	05.51	8.0	18.18	7.9	Swansea	05.45	[illegible]	18.11	8.6
Ilfracombe	05.28	8.1	17.51	8.4	Tees	03.05	4.9	15.30	4.9
King's Lynn	05.55	6.0	18.25	5.9	Walton-on-N	11.21	3.8	23.45	3.8

All times BST. Heights in metres.

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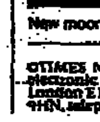

Sun rises: 5.24 am
Sun sets: 8.49 pm
Moon sets 7.22 pm
Moon rises 3.43 am
New moon August 3

London 8.49 pm to 5.26 am
Bristol 8.58 pm to 5.36 am
Edinburgh 9.20 pm to 5.19 am
Manchester 9.05 pm to 5.26 am
Penzance 9.05 pm to 5.52 am

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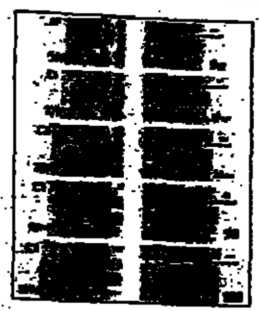

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FRIDAY AUGUST 1 1997

US bank acquires DSS buildings for £400m

By Carl Mortished

THE Department of Social Security is to sell its entire property portfolio, worth £400 million, to Partnership Property Management (PPM), a consortium led by Goldman Sachs, the US investment bank.

The Private Finance Initiative project, known as Prime, was conceived by the last Government and given the go-ahead yesterday by Harriet Harman, Secretary of State for Social Security. It is the largest single real estate transaction in the UK, covering more than 17 million sq ft in more than 700 buildings.

PPM was chosen from a shortlist of two bidders, its rival being Mapeley Holdings, a group that includes Nations Bank and Burford, the property company. PPM comprises the Whitehall Street Real Estate Partnership, a fund run by Goldman Sachs, Amec, the builder, Berkeley Group, the developer, Vines Management, Compass Management and Richard Ellis, the surveyors.

Prime is expected to be followed by similar government property deals. Deloitte & Touche, which advised the DSS on this transaction, is working on a proposal for a £2.5 billion private finance scheme covering 450 properties for the Inland Revenue and Customs & Excise. A competition is underway to redevelop the Chelsea Barracks into residential housing.

Prime could revolutionise the way the property industry does business, with major public companies seeking similar deals. Manesh Chande, chief executive of Prime, said: "We do intend to become a substantial business and bid for other projects."

The deal marks the first contract in the DSS's Change programme to be awarded since Labour came to power. In the next few days, Ms Harman is expected to invite final bids for its Impact contract, which will privatise medical services for the Benefits Agency. Four consortia — including teams led by Andersen Consulting and Capita Group — are in line for the privatisaion, which is worth in excess of £500 million.

Ms Harman is also expected to drop the privatisation of the child benefit distribution system — Prospect — although there will be a new scheme to computerise the service. Projects involving small computer systems and the use of outside consultants are also expected to be approved.

The DSS, which employs 95,000 staff and has a budget of £85 billion, is the largest owner of government property, accounting for 16 per cent of the civil portfolio. The DSS's freeholds and long leasehold interests are being sold to PPM for £250 million. In addition, PPM will supply the DSS with serviced accommodation under a 20-year contract for a fixed fee that will be linked to inflation indices.

Unlike a conventional property lease, PPM will supply the DSS with maintenance, heating, lighting and air-conditioning, cleaning, security, catering and landscape maintentance. It will also allow the DSS to quit buildings at short notice.

John Mason, head of the DSS Prime project, said the Government had three objectives: get the department out of the property business; drive down costs; and obtain more flexibility. He said there would be no job losses linked to the property sale, with staff transferring to the supplier.

The details of the contract have yet to be agreed but he expects the Government to achieve significant savings on the DSS's occupation costs, which exceed £350 million a year. Negotiations are expected to lead to a full contract by the year end, with the handover on April 1 next year.

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David Clementi, far left, and Mervyn King, far right, with Gordon Brown and Eddie George yesterday after their appointments were announced

Insider to be Deputy Governor

By Alasdair Murray, Economics Correspondent

MERVYN KING was yesterday named as the new Deputy Governor of the Bank of England responsible for monetary stability, ending months of speculation that Gavyn Davies would be awarded the job.

The Government also confirmed that David Clementi, vice chairman of Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, would become Deputy Governor responsible for financial stability, effectively acting as chief executive of the Bank.

Mr King, who is currently chief economist at the Bank, was the main internal candidate for the new post. A former academic at the London School of Economics, he has been at the Bank for seven years and is regarded as hawkish on inflation.

The City welcomed the appointments, which economists believe will strengthen the Bank's independence. They will do little to alter the perceived hawkish bias on the Bank's monetary policy committee, which sets interest rates.

Neil MacKinnon, chief economist at Citibank, said: "Both men are widely respected in the City. The appointments tilt the majority on the monetary policy committee slightly further in the favour of Bank insiders." The promotion of Mr King is also likely to end rumours that Mr Davies, chief international economist at Goldman Sachs, is being lined up to take over as Governor when Mr George's contract expires next year. Economists said it is almost unfeasible that the Government would catapult Mr Davies into the top post without giving him time to learn the ropes at the Bank.

The City had expressed concern that the appointment of Mr Davies to a senior position could undermine the Bank's newly won independence. Mr Davies is a close adviser to Gordon Brown, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Sue Nye, his wife, is chief of staff in Mr Brown's office.

The City now believes it is likely Mr George will win an extension to his contract, even if he chooses not to serve another full five-year term. Mr King's promotion leaves him in a strong position to become Mr George's successor.

Mr King will not formally take up his post until enabling legislation is passed in the autumn, although he will continue to serve on the monetary policy committee which meets again next week, when it is expected to raise interest rates a further quarter point. Mr Clementi will take up his post at the beginning of September.

The Bank will now begin the search for a replacement to Mr King as director of economics, a position that also carries a place on the monetary policy committee. Andrew Dilnott, director of the Institute for Fiscal Studies, and Charles Bean, professor of economics at the LSE, were last night being tipped as possible candidates.

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BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FTSE 100	4907.5	(-19.3)
Yield	3.38%	
FTSE All share	2295.18	(-5.99)
Nikkei	20331.43	(+118.61)
New York:		
Dow Jones	8247.46	(-7.43)*
S&P Composite	953.24	(+0.95)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	[illegible]*	([illegible])
Long Bond	[illegible]*	([illegible])
Yield	6.32%*	(6.33%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	[illegible]	([illegible])
Liffe long gilt future (Sep)	[illegible]	([illegible])

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.6413*	(1.6285)
London:		
$	1.6375	(1.6323)
DM	3.0077	(2.9996)
FFr	10.1400	(10.1010)
SFr	2.4761	(2.4767)
Yen	193.88	(193.03)
£ Index	104.6	(104.3)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.8400*	(1.8365)
FFr	6.2025*	(6.1935)
SFr	1.5138*	(1.5125)
Yen	118.35*	(118.43)
$ Index	105.8	(105.7)

Tokyo close Yen 117.70

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Oct)	$18.65	($18.95)

GOLD

London close	$325.05	($326.65)

* denotes midday trading price

Takeovers

TI Group wants to spend up to £400 million on acquisitions by next March. The engineering and aerospace company said a number of deals were under negotiation but ruled out a move to diversify beyond existing activities. **Page 23**

Drug boost

Rapidly rising sales of treatments for HIV, migraine and asthma will enable Glaxo Wellcome to overcome the loss of patent on its biggest selling drug and achieve earnings targets, the pharmaceuticals giant claimed. **Page 22**

Capital bid for Virgin transmitted to MMC

By Jason Nissé

NIGEL GRIFFITHS, the Competition and Consumer Affairs Minister, yesterday referred Capital Radio's controversial bid for Richard Branson's Virgin Radio to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

The £64.7 million offer, roundly attacked within the radio industry, was waived through by the Radio Authority, the industry regulator, last month. But John Bridgeman, the Director-General of Fair Trading, decided that the bid would give Capital a dominant share of the market for radio advertising in London and recommended referral. The MMC is due to report in November.

Virgin won a national AM licence four years ago and was awarded the London FM franchise two years later after saying that it needed the extra licence to make the AM franchise work. Bringing Virgin and Capital together would give them a combined 43 per cent share of the audience for radio in London and 62.7 per cent of the advertising of leading brands in the capital.

However, David Mansfield, who takes over as Capital's chief executive in October, had vowed to disband Capital's media-selling organisation, which will cut its dominant position in the advertising market. He said buying Virgin was essential for the development of digital commercial radio, which Capital wants to launch on Virgin's national AM franchise.

Capital and Virgin said yesterday they thought the bid raised no competition issues. Will Whitehorn, a director of Virgin, said: "For the OFT to refer this to the MMC, but handle the BA/American deal with kid gloves, is amazing."

However, rival radio operators welcomed the move. Chris Parry, chief executive of XFM, the alternative rock station launching next month, said: "This is a great day for radio. I have never been comfortable with this bid, which would have brought Capital back up to the extremely powerful position it held until the mid-1980s."

The MMC ruling will show whether any further consolidation of the radio market will be allowed, with the expectation that some of the larger radio stations in the big regional cities may merge.

ICL to put Tube in smartcard age

By Jason Nissé

LONDON TRANSPORT will today announce that it has awarded a Private Finance Initiative project to replace bus and Underground tickets with new smartcards to a consortium led by ICL, the computer group, and EDS, the Texan consultancy.

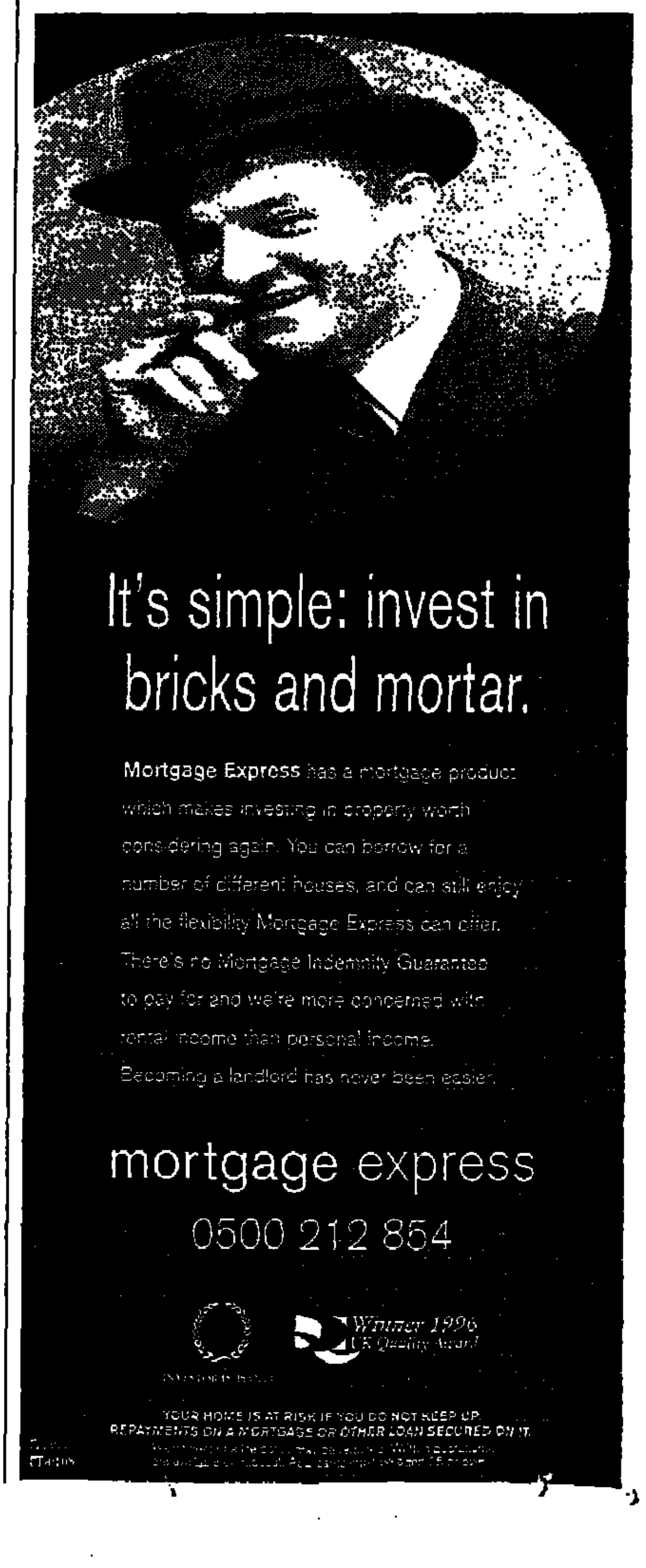
The award of the contract, called Prestige and belived to be worth more than £500 million, comes at the end of a complex two-year tendering process that has led to the project being more than six months late.

The ICL/EDS team includes Cubic Corporation and WS Atkins and is called TranSys. It was the only bidder left after the withdrawal of three other groups, one led by IBM, another led by BT and the third made up of Olivetti, Andersen Consulting, KPMG and National Express.

TranSys has vowed to revolutionise people's travel to work. Instead of the current paper tickets that are put through machines that operate the barriers on the Tube network, there will be plastic cards with computer chips that will be scanned in the same way tills operate in supermarkets.

London Underground hopes that the smartcards will speed up ticket sales, cut fraud and improve information about customer travel patterns.

The Prestige project was caught up in the excessive bureaucracy that has dogged the PFI and its award will come as a great relief to both the Treasury and the Department of Transport.



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City angry at BT's silence over MCI merger

By Christine Buckley, Industrial Correspondent

No details: Sir Iain Vallance, left, and Peter Bonfield

SIR PETER BONFIELD, chief executive of BT, further angered the City by maintaining a wall of silence over the company's troubled £12 billion merger with MCI, the US telecoms company.

Sir Peter yesterday refused to reveal details of the review that BT started after MCI's profits warning early this month, although he acknowledged that institutional investors have told BT they had lost confidence in its management.

Analysts and investors had expected news of the review with yesterday's publication of first-quarter results. But the reluctance to calm the increasing clamour for information triggered fresh frustration and further trimmed BT's share price. It fell 4p to 426½p. More than £5 billion has been wiped from the company's value since the profits warning threw into doubt the wisdom of the MCI merger.

Sir Peter declined to say what price renegotiations were under way or even how much scope there is to redraft the contract. He said the deal is a complex merger arrangement that is "interpreted by lawyers, but we are looking at the whole situation and the contract is part of that". Sir Peter indicated that everything was on the table in the joint review which could be complete by the end of this month or early next month.

Sir Peter conceded that institutions had warned the company of a loss of confidence. He said: "Some of them have certainly said that." He said he could "understand their concern", but he denied he had considered resigning over the issue.

It is possible that MCI could counter any price renegotiation by saying BT, whose chairman is Sir Iain Vallance, is less robust itself after changes to advance corporation tax and imposition of the windfall tax.

Richard Jones, telecoms analyst with Yamaichi, said: "This is very frustrating for everyone. We don't know what they are trying to renegotiate or even if they can or can't renegotiate." Mr Jones predicted another slump in the share price when the stock goes ex-dividend in a couple of weeks.

BT's pre-tax profits for the first quarter climbed 1.4 per cent to £881 million.

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Who's in and who's out at the Bank of England

DAVID CLEMENTI

A tall, stooped figure, David Clementi could by appearance as easily be an Oxford don, and an expert in something deeply esoteric to boot, as one of the leading investment bankers of his generation. While most corporate financiers tend to be brash, domineering figures, he comes over as mild-mannered and reserved, even shy.

But there is no mistaking his ability. He made his name in the previous Government's privatisation programme, having worked on the first of these, the 1984 sale of British Telecom shares, and then on other big share issues such as British Gas.

Mr Clementi, who was schooled at Winchester, trained as a chartered accountant, after reading politics, philosophy and economics at Lincoln College, Oxford. At Oxford he gained a reputation as an athlete. A contemporary article in *The Times* named him the star of the Varsity freshmen's athletics match, where he was unbeaten in the 100m, 200m and 400m hurdles events.

He went on to get a Blue in athletics three years in a row and hurdled for Britain as a member of the 1968 junior international athletics team. These days his most strenuous exercise is sailing, a love he shares with Eddie George, the Bank Governor.

Mr Clementi has the knack of inspiring loyalty in his subordinates and values it in others. He was known to have been upset at the abrupt departure of a colleague, Simon Robertson, formerly chairman of Kleinwort Benson. Mr Robertson left earlier this year after a row with Dresdner Bank, Kleinwort's German owner. But insiders at Kleinwort insist this is not the reason he has accepted the Bank's offer. Instead, he is thought to regard it as a significant advancement in any career in banking, especially if he eventually succeeds Mr George.

Says a former colleague: "He's much more pragmatic than many merchant bankers. You didn't have to sit through two or three-hour debating meetings. He could look at the forest and pick out the trees, which was extremely important.

"If you are stuck in the proverbial trench, who would you like to have at your back? He would be top of my list."

MARTIN WALLER

GAVYN DAVIES

Gavyn Davies, head of international economics at Goldman Sachs, was floated as a candidate for Deputy Governor as soon as the Bank reforms were unveiled shortly after the election, and was considered likely to succeed Eddie George as Governor.

But his Labour links seem ultimately to have been the stumbling block to his appointment to the Bank. For all his economic expertise, there were fears his appointment to a senior position at the Bank would be seen to undermine the Old Lady's newly won independence. There was also a hint that Eddie George and Mervyn King had objected to the idea that Mr Davies could be guaranteed the promotion to the Governor's job long before Mr George's contract expires next year.

Alongside Lord Hollick, chief executive of United News & Media, he was a high-profile Labour supporter in the City at a time when the Labour Party was desperate to attract City and business talent into the Government. His links with the party stretch back to a stint in the No 10 policy unit in the final days of the Callaghan Government. More recently, he has acted as an informal adviser to Mr Brown while his wife, Sue Nye, is in charge of Mr Brown's office.

There is no doubt Mr Davies will still want to serve the Government in some form. His position as a partner of Goldman Sachs has ensured he is one of the highest paid economists in the City. But colleagues insist that money is not an issue, suggesting that he has already made more than enough to enjoy a comfortable future. After all, this was the man who could afford to spend several million on a new home in Devon after pouring millions into the now defunct *Sunday Correspondent* newspaper.

Mr Davies could well take a post on the new Council of Economic Advisers, which is expected to be unveiled in the next couple of months — a position that he may be able to hold part-time. But for the moment, Mr Davies remains silent about his options, far happier talking about the prospects for his beloved Southampton Football Club.

ALASDAIR MURRAY

MERVYN KING

Mervyn King's promotion to Deputy Governor of the Bank of England establishes him as the favourite to take over the governorship from Eddie George. At 49, he is almost ten years younger than Mr George and is probably prepared to wait should Mr George win an extension to his contract next year.

Mr King seems to possess most of the requisite skills for the Governor's post, now the Bank has won sole responsiblity for setting monetary policy. He is widely respected in the City, where he has a reputation second only to Mr George as an inflation hawk.

His academic background ensures that he has the technical expertise which, as Mr George explained to the Treasury Select Committee last week, is now a vital requirement for members of the monetary policy committee.

But Mr King is also a skilled media performer who provides a slick and entertaining presentation to accompany the publication of the Bank's rather austere *Quarterly Inflation Report*. The ability to sell often controversial interest rate movements to City and country will be an increasingly important part of the Governor's job in the future.

Mr King joined the Bank in 1990 from the London School of Economics, where he had established his reputation as a tax specialist. His radical ideas on simplifying the income tax structure were used by Nigel Lawson as the basis for the 1988 Budget, while he also provided much of the early thinking behind the creation of tax exempt special savings account (Tessa).

Mr King is an avid Aston Villa fan, despite having gone to school in neighbouring Wolverhampton. His hopes of becoming a non-executive director of Aston Villa were vetoed by Mr George, a rugby fan, although he has taken the position of vice-president. Mr King, who lives in Notting Hill, West London, joked yesterday that he would like to spend more time pursuing his other interests — including music, tennis and reading European History — which he did "regularly before the inflation target was introduced".

ALASDAIR MURRAY

Worry over Airbus's date for unification

By Oliver August

AIRBUS, the European consortium that includes British Aerospace, is likely to miss its 1999 deadline for becoming a single corporate entity, according to Jürgen Schrempp, the Daimler Benz chairman.

In January, the four Airbus partners signed a memorandum of understanding scheduling a transfer of ownership for 1999, but the election of a Socialist Government in France in May has called the future of the aircraft maker into question.

Herr Schrempp said: "Airbus will attain company status, but I cannot tell you when. I am not sure it will happen in 1999."

The new French Government and Aerospatiale, the Airbus partner in which it has a controlling stake, have retracted two concessions made in January. Aerospatiale is refusing to transfer assets to Airbus as agreed in the memorandum.

The French Government has also halted privatisation of Aerospatiale, which is a prerequisite to creating a single corporate entity, according to BAe and Daimler. Herr Schrempp said: "I am a believer in private companies, not in state-controlled companies."

BAe said: "It is possible that the deadline might slip."

Glaxo Wellcome nurses hefty decline in shares

By Paul Durman

Sir Richard Sykes, left, chairman, and John Coombe, finance director, yesterday

RAPIDLY rising sales of treatments for HIV, migraine and asthma will enable Glaxo Wellcome to overcome the loss of patent protection on its biggest selling drug and achieve earnings targets for the next three years, the company claimed yesterday.

But the group's upbeat presentation of half-year results was not enough to prevent its shares falling 38p to 1291½p as the City responded to a warning that profit margins would fall this year.

The company reported a 2 per cent fall in interim pre-tax profits, to £1.52 billion, on sales of £4.1 billion. It said the impact of the strong pound obscured its progress, and that underlying sales grew 8 per cent.

Glaxo Wellcome gave warning that margins will fall from 37.5 per cent to around 35 per cent this year, largely because of the increased marketing costs of new products such as Zyban, an anti-smoking drug, and Naramig, a migraine treatment.

The company is enjoying an unexpected boost from the complex legal disputes among the companies that intend to produce an unbranded rival to Zantac, the ulcer drug that lost its US patent protection last week. The disputes have so far prevented the appearance of a competitor to Zantac, enabling Glaxo Wellcome to continue selling $5 million (£3 million) of the drug each day.

Novopharm, a Canadian company, had a deal with Glaxo Wellcome that it hoped would allow it to start selling the first generic version three weeks ago, but it was blocked by a last-minute legal intervention. Genpharm also claims exclusive rights to the first generic version.

The loss of Zantac's patent protection in the UK and Germany contributed to a 12 per cent fall in its sales, to £807 million. However, Sir Richard Sykes, Glaxo Wellcome's chairman and chief executive, said the £891 million of sales respiratory drugs, including Serevent, Flixotide and Ventolin, meant this had now replaced gastro-intestinal as the company's biggest therapeutic area. Zantac represented 43 per cent of group sales as recently as 1994.

Sir Richard said Epivir, the anti-HIV drug, had more than doubled sales, to £199 million, and was "one of the fastest growing products that we've ever had".

Glaxo Wellcome is paying an interim dividend of 15p a share — unchanged because of its intention to rebalance the interim and final payments. It will be paid as a foreign income dividend.

UK faces gruelling contest for Toyota

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

BRITAIN is competing with ten other European countries for Toyota's new manufacturing plant, the Japanese car company said yesterday.

Toyota's statement on the number of EU member states battling for the company's planned new production centre for its small European car is the first indication of the daunting scale of the fight the Government, local authorities and component supply businesses in the UK have to secure what will be one of Europe's key inward investment prizes.

Toyota is planning to build a European factory to manufacture its high-volume small car specifically designed for Europe.

Yesterday, Iwao Okijima, Toyota's executive vice-president, said: "There are more than 10 countries from which we have received invitations" to site the new plant. Mr Okijima said that the company was carrying out detailed studies of the cost of each proposal, taking into account infrastructure such as transport, the quality of the the workforce and the "welcome" each country would give to the new plant.

Toyota is looking at more than 30 sites in Europe for itsplant, which will add to the factory at Burnaston, in Derbyshire, and its engine plant in North Wales. Toyota managers visited Burnaston yesterday.

Toyota wants to sell 600,000 vehicles in Europe, boosting its market share by a third, as part of plans to push its overall sales worldwide from 4.9 million now to 6 million by the start of the next century. Toyota sold 412,000 vehicles in Europe last year, and plans to sell 450,000 this year.

The Toyota plant at Burnaston is set to receive new investment, which will raise its capacity to 220,000 cars annually. Capacity at its engine plant is set to double over the next few years.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Doulton cuts jobs

ROYAL DOULTON, the china company, is to shed 330 jobs in Stoke-on-Trent. The company blamed the cuts on difficult trading conditions created by the strong pound.

Royal Doulton currently employs some 4,800 people around Stoke and about 7,000 worldwide. Patrick Wenger, chief executive, said: "The strong pound has created a difficult worldwide trading climate and it is essential that we aim to keep production, sales and stocks in balance." More redundancies are likely.

Volvo sells Renault stake

VOLVO, the Swedish auto manufacturer, has sold its 11 per cent stake in Renault, the French vehicle maker, for £500 million. The shares were bought by UBS, which will sell them on to institutional investors. Volvo's stake was the legacy of a failed merger attempt in 1993. Since 1994, Volvo has pursued a divestment programme that has so far raised more than £3.5 billion. Some of the money has been spent on share buybacks and research and development to freshen Volvo's image.

BIC acquires Sheaffer

BIC, the French ball-point pen company, has acquired Sheaffer, the US pen manufacturer, for an undisclosed sum. The deal to buy Sheaffer, which has annual sales of more than $50 million (£30 million), is the latest in a series of BIC acquisitions. Last October it bought A Hauser, the German felt-tip pen maker. Bruno Bich, the BIC chairman, said: "Sheaffer is a world-renowned brand, synonymous with high quality writing instruments."

Fund manager is sold

SCOTTISH PROVIDENT, the life insurer, has agreed to sell Prolific, its investment management subsidiary, to Aberdeen Asset Management, in return for a 41 per cent stake in the company. Aberdeen is issuing 58.4 million new shares to pay for the deal, which values Prolific at £55.5 million. The move nearly trebles Aberdeen's funds under management to £11 billion. This includes £7.2 billion of ScotProv's life and unit linked funds. Aberdeen shares rose 12p, to 107p.

BTR's Brazilian deal

HAWKER, BTR's batteries business, is expanding into South America by paying $72 million (£43.9 million) for the industrial batteries division of Microlite, a Brazilian company. BTR said the acquisition of Saturnia would give the group "a commanding presence in South America's fast-growth market", with a local manufacturing operation. The company will trade as Saturnia Hawker Sistemas de Energia. Hawker was acquired as part of Hawker Siddeley in 1991.

Berisford buys in Spain

BERISFORD, the engineering group, is to pay £21.8 million cash for Sammic, Spain's leading food service equipment manufacturer. However, up to £2 million of the price is to be deferred until June 1998 and depends on profit performance. Berisford will, however, assume a net cash balance of £5 million. Sammic has eight distribution branches throughout Spain and made a pre-tax profit of £2.6 million from turnover of £12.6 million.

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Employers face £10bn bill as Europe rules on pensions

By Marianne Curphey

THE prospect of UK employers having to pay a £10 billion pensions bill to their part-time workers has moved a step closer after a provisional ruling in the European Court of Justice.

The advocate-general of the court has expressed an opinion that part-time workers' pensions should be backdated to April 8, 1976. This would initially affect 100,000 cases.

British law currently allows pensions claims from part-time workers to be backdated for two years previous to the date of the claims.

The majority of cases are in health service and local authority schemes, although other big part-time employers, including supermarkets and retail chains, would also be affected.

In response to the news of the ruling, reported in today's issue of *Pensions Week*, union leaders hailed the advocate-general's comments as a victory for part-time workers, who are mostly women, and those who have fought for their rights. The advocate-general said no national law should prevent the rights from being retrospective to 1976.

The National Association of Pension Funds said it would be "disappointed" if the opinion were adopted by the European Court when the issue is reviewed in autumn.

Mystery bid approach lights up Ronson price

By Jason Nissé

SHARES in Ronson rose 2½p to 21p after the troubled lighter maker revealed that it had received a bid approach.

Sean Dowling, chairman, refused to disclose the bidder's identity but Howard Hodgson, who was fired as chief executive in June, ruled himself out of the running.

Mr Hodgson said: "I don't know who it is, genuinely. It isn't me . . . at the moment, I'm stepping away." He is known to have made an approach to Albion Fund, Ronson's largest shareholder, offering to buy its 17.7 per cent stake.

Mr Hodgson and Christine Pickles, his girlfriend, who was dismissed as corporate development director, are suing Ronson for £500,000 compensation for loss of office.

Mr Dowling said Ronson may sue Mr Hodgson in turn.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.30	2.13
Austria Sch	22.10	20.44
Belgium Fr	65.16	60.20
Canada $	2.389	2.201
Cyprus Cyp£	0.924	0.853
Denmark Kr	12.03	11.14
Finland Mkk	9.50	8.75
France Fr	10.59	9.81
Germany Dm	3.17	2.92
Greece Dr	495	456
Hong Kong $	13.47	12.27
Iceland	127	107
Ireland Pt	1.18	1.09
Israel Shk	6.10	5.45
Italy Lira	3106	2869
Japan Yen	208.63	191.30
Malta	0.685	0.626
Netherlds Gld	3.571	3.276
New Zealand $	2.68	2.44
Norway Kr	13.08	12.12
Portugal Esc	315.53	293.50
S Africa Rd	8.26	7.30
Spain Pta	264.79	246.00
Sweden Kr	13.83	12.73
Switzerland Fr	2.63	2.41
Turkey Lira	270757	250879
USA $	1.744	1.601

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AVE International Limited
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a general meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above-named company will be held at PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF on 18th August 1997 at 10.20 am for the purpose of having a report laid before the meeting and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Administrative Receivers. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented. Please note that a creditor is entitled to vote only if he has delivered to the Administrative Receivers at Leonard Curtis & Co, not later than 10.30 am [illegible] on 15th August 1997 details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of the Insolvency Rules 1986 and there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.

K. D. Goodman, FCA Joint Administrative Receiver 28 July 1997

The Insolvency Act 1986
CORPORATE COMPUTER REPROCESSING SERVICES LIMITED
(In Liquidation)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington FIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 23rd July 1997.

M.R. DORRINGTON, Liquidator

Notice to prove debt
(Rule 11.2)
TREVOR GEORGE CLARK
(In Bankruptcy)
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

Notice is hereby given that the Trustee in Bankruptcy of the above named bankrupt intends, within four months from 26 August 1997, to declare a first and final dividend to the creditors of the said bankrupt and that any such creditor wishing to participate in such dividend must on or before 26 August 1997 send details of their full name and address and full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors (if any) to the undersigned Steven Leslie Smith of Menzer & Hole at 72 London Road, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1NS, the Trustee in Bankruptcy of the said bankrupt. Creditors who do not prove their debts or claims to the said Trustee in Bankruptcy by 26 August 1997 will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made.

Steven Leslie Smith
Trustee in Bankruptcy
31 July 1997

INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
WESTERN TRUST & SAVINGS LIMITED
(In Liquidation)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that David Robert Wilton and Lynn Robert Bailey of Coopers & Lybrand, Temple Court, 35 Bull Street, Birmingham B4 6JT were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above named Company on 18 July 1997 by the members.

Dated July 28 1997
David Robert Wilton and Lynn Robert Bailey Joint Liquidators

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
SEABRIGHT INDUSTRIES LIMITED (IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)

A meeting of the creditors of Seabright Industries Limited is to be held at Price Waterhouse, 10-18 Union Street, London Bridge SE1 1SZ on 20 August 1997 at 11.00am under the provisions of Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986. The purpose of this meeting is to receive the report of the receivers and, if the creditors wish to do so, to appoint a committee of creditors. Creditors who have not received notice of the meeting and wish to attend should contact the receivers' office (telephone number 0171 939 1401) and ask for Bruce Tilley.

Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting.

KJ Ellis
Joint Administrative receiver
29 July 1997

HAYES

Will the next of kin or any person having any information concerning the whereabouts of the next of kin of James Hayes, Michael Hayes, Elizabeth (Lizzy) Hayes, Ellen Hayes, Margaret Hayes (Sister in Religion), Maisie Hayes (Sister in Religion), all formerly of Ballingarry, Garryspillane, County Limerick, Ireland please contact the undersigned firm of solicitors before the 1st day of October 1997.

Dated this 29th day of July 1997
P A ROCHE & COMPANY
Solicitors, Mitchelstown
County Cork, Ireland

[illegible] TRAILL LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that on 9th July 1997 R A Segal of A Segal & Co, Albert Chambers, 221-223 Chingford Mount Road, London E4 8LP was appointed Liquidator of the above named Company by the Members.

Dated THIS 9.7.1997
R.A. SEGAL, Liquidator

To, Mr Ian Victor Pawley, landlord of 47 Drayton Gardens, West Ealing, London, last known at 31 Mashiters Way, Romford, Essex. The above named or his successors, or anyone with information pursuant to his current whereabouts to contact Kaye & Co, Solicitors on 0181 428 0010 or 0421 437424.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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The Commissioners have made a scheme for this charity. A copy can be seen for the next month at The Ciba Foundation, 41 Portland Place, London W1N 4BN, or a copy can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to the Charity Commission, St Albans House, 57/60 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX quoting the reference above.

TRUSTEE ACTS

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to s27 of the TRUSTEE Act 1925 that any person having a CLAIM against or an INTEREST in the ESTATE of any of the deceased person's whose names, addresses and descriptions are set out below is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his claim or interest to the person or persons mentioned in relation to the deceased person concerned before the date specified; after which date the estate of the deceased will be distributed by the personal representatives among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

TRUSTEE ACT 1925 - Section 27
IN THE ESTATE OF ANDREW HAYES DECEASED
late of Ballingarry Garryspillane County Limerick Ireland

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 27 of the Trustee Act 1925 that any person having a claim against or interest in the estate of the above-named deceased person, who died on the 7th day of January 1997, is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his or her claim or interest to the undersigned firm of solicitors for his personal representatives before the 1st day of October 1997 after which date the estate will be distributed, [illegible] having regard only to the claims furnished.

Dated this 29th day of July 1997
P A ROCHE & COMPANY
Solicitors, Mitchelstown
County Cork, Ireland

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Prime candidates for disposal

COMMENTARY
by our City Editor

Welcome to the great government sell off. Goldman Sachs may be the proud new owner of a motley portfolio of properties inhabited by the Department of Social Security, but there are many more ugly offices still to come.

The estimate is that by the year 2001, around 65 per cent of the government estate could have been "primed", as this variation of privatisation is now to be known.

The Inland Revenue will be one of the first to follow the DSS. A feasibility study has just been completed into the prospects for disposing of its vast portfolio and optimists are talking about a cheque for £500 million soon heading towards the tax man to bolster the less rounded results of self-assessment. There can be little doubt that the chaps at the Revenue will be better employed seeking after tax avoiders than looking after 550 assorted buildings which comprise some 14 million square feet of space. And after the Revenue, Customs & Excise should not be far behind.

There is also a large tranche of Cheltenham which could soon be seeking buyers. Although we can only guess what goes on there, GCHQ takes up 117 acres of the sedate town and an imaginative developer could certainly provide the spies with a more salubrious working environment than they currently have on the site.

If the bonus-conscious partners of Goldmans see money to be made from taking over government properties, it is to be expected that the sums do indeed look enticing. Enthusiasm for "priming" is growing, and some high powered consortia are taking shape to bid for the next contracts.

The property market is gaining strength at the moment, and investors are realising that there are enticing yields to be had from those buildings which are disparagingly denounced as secondary by honest estate agents.

The attractions of each deal will vary, depending on the split between freehold and leasehold sites and the scope for redevelopment. The Chesea Pensioners could find themselves sent flying as spivvy types in pinstripes make a dash for the chance of turning a unique central London site into new and expensive housing.

But the question which has yet to be determined is how the Government will account for all the extra cash which could come rolling in as it allows others to assume the reponsibility of landlord. Resort to off-balance sheet funding takes government into dangerous areas. The proceeds cannot simply be allowed to flow through into helping the Government balance its public spending ideals with its budgetary constraints.

The accountants in Brussels are keeping a careful watch on how the proceeds of priming are to be handled, for they still have their eyes fixed on the Maastricht criteria even if few in Britain are now focusing on those demands.

There will be no chance of the British Government doing with its unloved offices what Herr Kohl was prevented from doing with Germany's gold reserves.

Still no answer from BT

The board of BT continues to demonstrate a breathtaking disregard for the sensibilities of its shareholders. Yesterday it refused to give any indication whether it was able to renegotiate the terms of its deal with MCI or whether it would press on with shelling out £12 billion of investors' money on a business which in chaos. Sir Iain Vallance and Sir Peter Bonfield may feel that a blithe assurance that they remain supportive of MCI's strategy should be enough to send shareholders happy to their beds, but they are very much mistaken, as the continuing downward spiral of the BT share price demonstrates.

Given the scale of the losses that MCI has now indicated it faces, one can understand why the swashbuckling individuals who had created the business were so easily seduced by BT's generosity. But the fact that Bert Roberts and his colleagues, apparently men of individual spirit, suddenly succumbed to the charms, and cheque books, of Sir Iain and Sir Peter might have raised a few qualms with BT.

The original deal, which gave BT a 20 per cent stake in MCI, made sense. The arrangement should also have put BT in a position to learn more about the US market and its new partner. Yet the opposite appears to have been the case. MCI is losing out on its core long-distance business while haemoraging dreadfully as it tries to break into the local market, but the news has hit BT out of the blue.

As BT's own figures yesterday showed, the company does need to look outside the UK for continued growth. but not at any price. But the motives behind the MCI deal smack of international empire building rather than a move towards enhancing shareholder value. There is a growing view in the City that the idea should be abandoned completely, or the price reduced drastically.

If, as is being rumoured, BT and its bevy of advisers has walked into a trap from which the small print allows no legal escape, they should clamber out and invite MCI to sue. The likelihood is that the MCI directors might rapidly come round to the idea of a lower price rather than none at all.

For Sir Iain Vallance, who followed his father into the Post Office, there may still be problems in coping with the needs of shareholders, but if he does not do so now, he may face a rebellion. And pointing out that it was Sir Peter Bonfield and not he who has sat on the MCI board will not save his neck.

By George, a new man for Old Lady

Congratulations are due to Eddie George. The Governor of the Bank of England held his ground under early attack from the new Government and now appears to have secured his position.

Yesterday, he looked triumphant as he presented his two new deputy governors, neither of whom would be likely to challenge him if he decided, as has been indicated, that he might like to stay on at the Bank for another term rather than retire to leafy Dulwich.

The spectre of Gavyn Davies was nowhere to be seen in Threadneedle Street. Had all the gossips been imagining that the bearded millionaire economist was destined to be the next Governor?

Davies, to be fair, has maintained a public silence on the subject throughout, but jungle drums have rarely played more closely to the same music sheet, which declared that he was only interested in being deputy if a rapid promotion was on offer.

The likelihood is that Chancellor Gordon Brown was happy for that message to be played out so that he could judge the response to it. That came loud and clear: Davies would have been judged too close to Government to be seen as an independent voice at the Bank. His work for Labour was not the only obstacle. Even the broadest mind would have some difficulty in assuming he could remain completely untouched by the fact that his partner, Sue Nye, is an indispensable member of Mr Brown's team.

Got a light?

HOWARD HODGSON, the dismissed chief executive, has ruled himself out as the bidder for Ronson, the lighter company that nearly went down in flames. So who might want it? How about Stephen Hinchliffe, fresh from his courtroom victory over Price Waterhouse. Now that he can get his hands on his assets again, the man behind the Facia fiasco would have the audacity to try to link Ronson with the Colibri lighter business he still owns.

Confident TI to spend £400m on acquisitions

By Oliver August

TI GROUP will spend up to £400 million on bolt-on acquisition by next March. The engineering and aerospace company said a number of deals were under negotiation but ruled out a move to diversify beyond existing activities.

TI reported a fall in interim pre-tax profits to £112 million in the six months to June 30 from £123 million in the first half of the previous year, when there was an exceptional gain of £20 million.

Despite the decline in profits the results were generally ahead of City expectations. However, TI shares fell 24½p to 543p amid profit-taking after the stock's recent strong run and because of renewed fears about the adverse impact of the strong pound.

Martin Angle, finance director, said the City was overestimating the effect of sterling. With operations in 45 countries TI suffers from almost no currency transaction exposure, he said. Most profits stay within the countries in which they were earned. Only when profits are repatriated for accounting purposes or to pay dividends is there a translation loss.

Exchange rate movements cost TI £7.6 million in the first half. Similar losses can also be expected in the second half if sterling remains at around the DM3 level.

Dowty, the landing gear and aerospace systems specialist, showed a 23 per cent lift in sales, reflecting the buoyant mood in the aerospace sector at the moment after several years of slow growth.

John Crane, the mechanical seals and polymers arm, produced a 2 per cent rise in sales in what TI described as a "challenging" market. The market is still contracting at around 4 per cent.

Bundy Group, which manufactures fluid systems for the automotive and refrigeration industries, saw an increase of 8 per cent.

Tim Bennett, engineering analyst at Morgan Stanley, said: "Aerospace was even better than expected whilst Crane was disappointing."

Mr Bennett said he would probably make a slight upwards revision to his earnings forecast for the group on the back of the performance by the aerospace business.

The interim dividend is increased to 5.1p a share from 4.75p, due on October 7, payable from earnings of 16.1p a share, up 10 per cent.

Sir Christopher Lewinton, chairman, said: "Our global spread and balance saw the group achieve a strong first-half result with organic profit growth of 15 per cent, improved margins and good cash flow. We go forward with strong order books, are well positioned to make further bolt-on acquisitions and have confidence in our ability to generate continued growth."

Logica acquires Irish design firm

By Fraser Nelson

LOGICA, the computer services company, is to double its exposure to the telecoms sector through the £51 million acquisition of Aldiscon, an Irish software company that designs systems for mobile phones.

Logica shares, which have plunged from £10.62 to 690p this year, rose 60p to 750p. The rise came in spite of the company's £52.5 million rights issue, whereby 9.13 million shares are being placed with institutions at 605p apiece on a one-for-seven basis.

Dr Martin Read, the chief executive of Logica, said: "The acquisition is absolutely bang in line with our strategy because it is in telecoms and it will all be value-added stuff. The company has got repeatable sales and it's very international."

Logica intends to offer its fax and e-mail services to Aldiscon's mobile phone clients, who include Motorola, Orange and MCI.

Dr Read said that Logica had solved its earlier problems of finding enough computer programers. It had already found 220 graduates to fill the 350 spaces that it has this year, he said.

After winning a £10 million contract in France to prepare computers for European monetary union and work on the millennium computer problem, Logica's order book is 26 per cent up on last year. Logica has also won a £6 million contract from the Bank of Turkey and a £14 million outsourcing contract from Polaris, the insurer.

PETER TREVNOR

Tony Hill (left), managing director, and Gerald Richardson, his deputy at Surrey Free Inns, which made annual pre-tax profits of £2.3 million (£1.2 million). Earnings were 18.8p (11.6p). A 1.6p final dividend makes a total of 2.85p, up 27%. Surrey is to be renamed SFI Group.

Cowie plans to secure foothold in Scandinavia

By Fraser Nelson

COWIE, the transport group, is set to join rivals National Express and Stagecoach in the scramble for Scandinavia's newly privatised bus routes.

The company, which has already carved an 18 per cent share of the UK bus market, is in the final stages of negotiations with two small bus operators in Sweden and the Benelux countries. Gordon Hodgson, chief executive, said the company is prepared to pay a premium for the companies to establish its first overseas base.

Mr Hodgson said: "We need a platform to move forward, and we are quite far in the discussions in as much as we are now talking price. We are taking a longer-term view. by 2002, a third of bus routes over there will be put out to tender so you have to have a platform now to sell into this market later."

He ruled out any acquisitions in Australia, adding that it would be reluctant to expand to anywhere which is more than an hour's flight away.

The expansion of UK bus operations lifted pre-tax profits 48 per cent to £37.1 million in the six months to June 30. Earnings grew 18 per cent to 16.6p per share, and an interim dividend of 6p (5.7p) is due on September 9.

Its car leasing division returned its first ever profits decline. Michael Gwilt, the division's director, blamed this on costs of bedding down new outsourcing contracts.

Mr Hodgson, who two weeks ago named Mr Gwilt as his eventual successor as chief executive, said he expects to hand over the position by the end of next year, when he will be 68. However, he added that he has no intentions of stepping down from the board and would remain in another executive capacity.

In February dispute over his succession led to the dismissal of Neil Pykett, then head of its leasing division. Mr Pykett has taken the matter to an industrial tribunal, with a hearing due later this month.

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Ocean to splash out in logistics

By Our City Staff

OCEAN, the transport group, is ready to spend its cash pile of £300 million on medium-sized deals in the logistics area. John Allan, chief executive, said: "We are pursuing a large number of opportunities, mostly in the logistics area, because we think that's the area where there is long-term growth potential with what we have got."

Ocean's shares rose 15p to 532½p, near their all-time high of 551p, after it disclosed operating profits up from £29 million to £30.8 million for the half year to June 30. Pre-tax profits were £263 million (£27 million last time) after a £231 million profit from selling OIL, the offshore services business. Underlying earnings per share rose to 14.2p (12.1p). The interim dividend rises to 5.4p (5p).

Lasmo on the lookout for Middle East opportunities

By Carl Mortished

LASMO, the oil exploration company, is looking for opportunities in Iran and the Caspian region. Joe Darby, chief executive, said the company is looking for a new area to add to its five core locations in the UK, Indonesia, North Africa, Pakistan and Venezuela.

The oil company yesterday announced net profits of £26 million for the first six months of the year, down from £38 million in the previous year which included a £23 million disposal profit.

Mr Darby said he is seeking to secure a new core area like Venezuela, referring to the company's recent acquisition of the Dacion area, where Lasmo believes it can recover 880 million barrels of oil.

"In the long run we need to find an entry route into the Middle East. Initially we have been looking at the Emirates, but in the long term it is going to be countries like Iran or Iraq. Iraq is still off-limits but Iran is a possibility," he said.

Lasmo is also putting out feelers in the Caspian region, where Mr Darby sees the oil-rich Azerbaijan as an attractive area.

Shares in the oil company rose 10p yesterday after news that production would increase to 250 million barrels per day by 2001. Mr Darby said that the forecast related to known oilfields and took no account of exploration prospects.

Earnings before exceptional items rose from 1.6p to 2.1p per share, but Lasmo is again not paying an interim dividend.

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Allied Irish leaps ahead

From Eileen McCabe in Dublin

ALLIED Irish Banks, which recently became the first Irish company with a market capitalisation of more than Ir£5 billion (£4.4 billion), yesterday reported a rise in pre-tax profits to Ir£242 million, from Ir£201.2 million, in the half-year to the end of June.

Tom Mulcahy, chief executive, said that the strong performance — coupled with the acquisition of Dauphin Deposit Corporation in America and purchase of a controlling stake in Poland's Wielkopolski Bank Kredytowy (WBK) — marked a "quantum leap" in group business. Earnings rose to Ir22.4p a share from Ir18.3p. In London, the shares rose 29½p to 563p yesterday.

In Ireland and Britain, where pre-tax profit rose 24 per cent to Ir£130 million, the bank continued to benefit from investment in new technology and increased cross-selling of financial products.

First Maryland Bancorp, the bank's US subsidiary, lifted pre-tax profit 10 per cent to Ir£63 million despite higher provision for bad credit card debts.

The interim dividend is lifted 14 per cent, to Ir6.8p, due on September 24.

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	Instant Access–No minimum deposit/withdrawal	
4.750%	£250,000 and above	4.84%
4.620%	£100,000 – £249,999	4.70%
4.500%	£25,000 – £99,999	4.58%
4.000%	£2,000 – £24,999	4.06%
3.500%	£500 – £1,999	3.55%
2.250%	£0 – £499	2.27%

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STOCK MARKET MICHAEL CLARK

Bears dominant despite report from Schroders

STOCK MARKET bears giving warning of a crash have been undermined by a report *from a leading merchant bank* claiming that City fund managers need to spend £40 billion topping up their positions in blue chip shares.

The report from Schroders says that many institutions have missed out on the sharp gains enjoyed by banks and drug companies and risk further underperformance in their portfolios because of underweight positions in stocks like **HSBC**, up this year from £12.73 to £22.05, and **SmithKline Beecham**, up from 778p to £11.89.

Paul Walton, equity strategist at Schroders, says it will not be easy to reverse these sort of underweight positions. Stock shortages and demand for domestic blue chips by US investors will make the task even more difficult. "Many funds have underperformed because they have been overweight in high-yielding stocks which looked good value but have lagged the index as it hit a succession of highs," he said.

Meanwhile, other brokers have been pointing out that some fund managers have *already decided to call the top* of the market after its record-breaking run this year.

UBS's fund management arm is known to have switched into cash more than a year ago fearing the market had run its course. Others, like Mercury Asset Management, have not been frightened to sell when they have been bid *for stock, such as in the case of* LVMH increasing its holding in **Grand Metropolitan**, down 6½p at 598½p.

But if the market keeps on going up, they may eventually be asked to justify such actions.

However, it was the bears who gained the upper hand yesterday as prices closed near *their low for the day, having* seen earlier gains wiped out. An early deficit of almost 50 points in the Dow Jones industrial average set the seal on a lacklustre performance that left the FTSE 100 index down 19.8 at 4,907.5 by the close. A total of 920 million shares changed hands.

ICI was impressing Ameri*can fund managers overnight* as the price raced up 31p to £10.07½ in London on the back of heavy buying on Wall Street. It has been giving them an update on the recent disposal of its bulk chemicals business and the acquisition of Unilever's speciality chemicals operation.

TI Group's Sir Christopher Lewinton, right, and Martin Angle, finance director, saw the shares fall 24½p to 544½p

Dixons continued to go from strength to strength, rising 12p to 607½p, still excited by the Government's decision earlier this week to scrap the recommended retail price for electrical goods. Nick Bubb at Société Générale Strauss Turnbull, the broker, has lifted his target price from 600p to 700p and says the shares are undervalued against the rest of the sector.

Airtours dropped 22p to £11.73½ after Merrill Lynch downgraded its recommendation from a "buy" to "hold". The broker is said to be worried that increases in capacity will erode margins.

There was a muted response to the decline in half-year profits at **Glaxo Wellcome**, down 38p at £12.91½, even *though* the setback had already been widely anticipated. Brokers were disappointed with the performance of Pylorid, the replacement for its bestselling Zantac, and said the shares had started running ahead of events.

BT closed 4p lighter at 426½p after refusing to comment on the possibility of renegotiating the terms of its £23 billion merger with MCI after its recent profits warning.

Top-of-the-range profits news from **TI Group** failed to *cut much ice with the City and* the price came in for profit taking to end the day nursing a fall of 24½p at 544½p. The company, whose chairman is Sir Christopher Lewinton, has tried to distance itself from exporters, pointing out that it manufacturers most of its products abroad. However, it admits that translating overseas profits back into a strong pound has cost it £7.6 million.

The referral of **Capital Radio's** £64.7 million bid for Virgin Radio left its shares 15p lower at 491p.

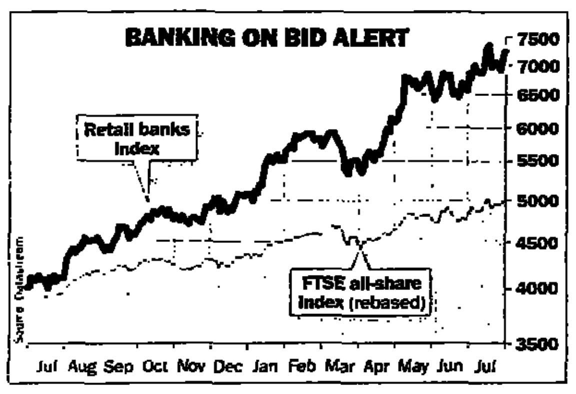
Logica *raced up 60p to 750p* after hitting the acquisition trail with the purchase of Aldiscon, the Irish provider of advanced network systems, for £51 million. The deal will be funded by a one-for-seven rights issue at 605p, raising £52.2 million.

Seafied Resources rose 4p to 71½p after after rival **Dana** ***Petroleum*** *launched a 78.3p* a share bid valuing the business at £54.4 million. Dana retreated 1p to 22½p.

News of a bid approach lifted **Ronson** 2½p to 21p. The troubled branded products group last month reported full-year losses of £2.2 million.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Bond prices suffered a sharp sell-off *during the last hour of business.* Dealers said there appeared to be no genuine reason for the sell-off. In the futures pit, the September series of the long gilt finished £$^{15}/_{32}$ down at £115$^{7}/_{16}$. In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 was £$^{17}/_{32}$ off at £111⅜. In shorts, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was three ticks easier at £102$^{25}/_{32}$.

☐ ***NEW YORK:*** *Shares on* Wall Street lost ground as investors started to look to today's employment data. The Dow Jones industrial average at midday was down 7.43 points at 8,247.46.



HALIFAX enjoyed a new lease of life with the price climbing 28½p to 736½p as *Merrill Lynch, the broker,* began recommending the shares to clients. Merrill points out that the price has come back sharply from the high of 778p when the shares were first floated.

Merrill's banking team also likes the look of the Woolwich, 1p firmer at 289½p, which continues to *be tipped as a potential* takoever target.

The former mutuals have all enjoyed strong institutional support along with the rest of the banking sector this year and are capable of making further headway when taking an *18-month view of events.*

Brokers say that further consolidation of the financial sector seems certain with the mutuals the most vulnerable to bids from the larger, fully fledged banks such as HSBC and Lloyds TSB, down 10½p at 675½p.

As one broker commented: "The UK economy can*not sustain the 50-plus* building societies it currently boasts. It only needs between six and eight large financial institutions in the longer term."

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 8247.46 (-7.43)
S&P Composite .... 953.24 (-0.95)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average .... 20331.43 (+118.61)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 16365.71 (+382.53)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 983.33 (+8.02)

Sydney:
AO .... 2735.10 (+0.10)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 4438.93 (+17.21)

Singapore:
Straits .... 1967.14 (+0.73)

Brussels:
General .... 14547.83 (-45.47)

Paris:
CAC-40 .... 3075.67 (+6.37)

Zurich:
SKA Gen .... 1224.40 (-6.10)

London:
FT 30 .... 3101.6 (-8.9)
FTSE 100 .... 4907.5 (-19.8)
FTSE 250 .... 4492.0 (+10.0)
FTSE 350 .... 2352.0 (-6.8)
FTSE Eurotrack 100 .... 2781.29 (+10.95)
FTSE All-Share .... 2295.18 (-5.99)
FTSE Non Financials .... 2301.78 (-7.98)
FTSE Fixed Interest .... 126.60 (+0.02)
FTSE Govt Secs .... 97.63 (-0.25)
Bargains 48155
SEAQ Volume 919.6m
US$ .... 1.6373 (+0.0050)
German Mark .... 3.0067 (+0.0072)
Exchange Index .... 104.6 (+0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)
£:ECU 1.5127
£:SDR 1.1996
RPI .... 157.5 Jun (2.9%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX .... 156.7 Jun (2.7%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Billiton	222½	+ 1
Bristol & West Prf	107¼	...
Cammell Laird	117½	...
Delcam	269	...
EMI B	115	...
Fairplace Consulting	3¼	...
Galen Holdings	200	...
Gremlin Group	130½	– 2
Hellcon Pubsig	108½	– 1
Hitachi Credit (UK)	148½	...
Ionica Group	392	...
Kingfisher Leisure	175½	...
Metroline	214½	+ 18
Reabourne Merlin	108½	...
SBS Group	105½	...
Ted Baker	140	...
Thorn B	20½	– ¼

RIGHTS ISSUES

Active Imag n/p (10)	1	...
Brit Borneo n/p	40	+ 10
Fortune Oil n/p (11)	3	...
HIT Enter n/p (270)	32½	– 7½
Jarvis Fund Cv n/p	¾	– ¼
Lon Brid Sftw Cv n/p	19½	– 5
Tea Plant n/p (120)	2	– 1½

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
Logica .... 750p (+60p)
Roxboro .... 182½p (+10p)
Allied Irish .... 563p (+29½p)
Cookson .... 232p (+11½p)
Inspec .... 179p (+8½p)
Bilton .... 238½p (+11p)
Swire Pacific .... 580p (+26p)
Haynes Pub .... 242½p (+10p)
LASMO .... 279p (+10½p)
Next .... 759½p (+22p)

FALLS:
Cohen (A) .... 295p (-30p)
Amey .... 385p (-20p)
Gearhouse Gp .... *327½p (-15p)*
EMI .... 559p (-24½p)
Boosey Hwks .... 822½p (-30p)
Capital Radio .... 491p (-15p)
All Nippon Air .... 377p (-11p)
AB Food .... 531p (-11p)

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TEMPUS

Give Lasmo a chance

PUNISHING Lasmo is a favourite stock market sport. Lack of long-term prospects was once the accusation. Today, the company is brimming with opportunities but the nitpickers complain that it has paid too much or the acreage is in politically unstable countries. They also accuse Lasmo of weak management, which does an injustice to a new team and seems unfair, given recent successes. Whatever the reason, the stock trades at a 10 per cent premium to its net asset value while rivals boast 50 per cent premiums.

Lasmo does itself little favours when it muses about midstream power projects: the company is doing a fine job drilling for oil. The recent drilling success rate — three out of every four wells struck oil — is unlikely to be repeated but Lasmo's strategy of buying into known oil rich provinces is a sound one and should deliver better returns. The price paid for its Venezuelan acreage is high but the oil industry *is in better shape.* Low cost operations mean that upstream companies can make double-digit returns from a $14 oil price and Lasmo's focus on oil-rich countries further reduces operational risk.

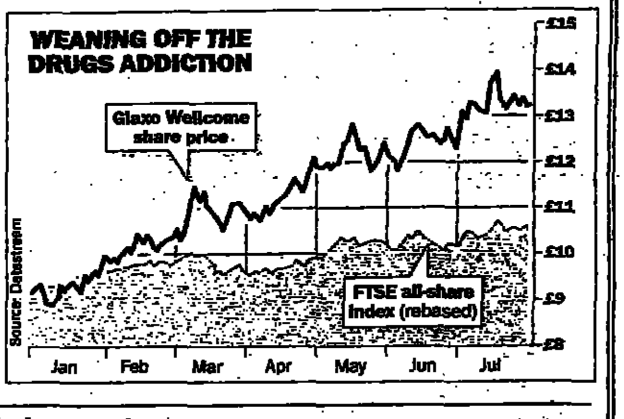
Political risk is more theoretical than real for oil companies. The worldwide trend is to privatise, not to nationalise, state assets, which leaves tax as the main concern. But even so, prejudice is blind. Indonesia, supposedly a high-risk country, has hardly changed its tax structure in two decades, while the UK changes the rules almost every five years and Gordon Brown warns another review is on the way. If the market continues to discount Lasmo heavily, other oil companies *will be tempted to gobble up the risk.*

Glaxo Wellcome

SIR RICHARD SYKES could have been forgiven for smirking yesterday. The US patent on Zantac finally expired last week, but the ulcer drug has still to face any *competition from generic ri*vals, whose promoters are currently tied up in a morass of litigation. Poor Novopharm, a Canadian company, agreed to pay Glaxo Wellcome about £75 million for a 16-day window of opportunity that has now come and gone. While the legal wrangles continue, Glaxo Wellcome sells $5 million of Zantac a day. It all helps.

Of course, the company's future lies elsewhere, as it is keen to emphasise. Sales of new products — rather *generously defined as those* launched since 1990 — were 50 per cent up at £1.3 billion, almost a third of the group total. Sales of Epivir for HIV infection more than doubled to almost £200 million and the Imigran migraine treatment rose to £310 million.

The stock market has already recognised the promise of Glaxo Wellcome's recent and upcoming launches, which will enable the company to overcome the decline of Zantac and Zovirax. However, marketing costs, and the strong sterling impact, look set to cut profit margins from 37.5 per cent to 35 per cent this year. Glaxo Wellcome's re-rating may have come to an end. It remains a good long-term investment, but for how much longer can the big pharmaceutical stocks continue to enjoy the market's favour?



TI Group

TI shares have enjoyed a good run recently but the half-year figures announced *yesterday could be a signal to* take profits. If the results were ahead of expectation, they represent an even higher peak from which to fall.

The aerospace division did supremely well but even the TI management cannot deny that the cyclical aerospace sector has peaked. Only TI's Airbus business is still on the *upward part of the curve.* The rest could be set for a nosedive.

TI's other divisions lacked the excitement of aerospace. John Crane continues to face a very difficult market. Its performance is better than that of many competitors but in terms of shareholder returns it has little to contrib*ute. Bundy is operating in a* flat market and its own above-average growth may now have reached its peak.

That said, the strong pound is likely to be less of a problem than is widely thought. For TI, the problem is currency translation rather than competitiveness. The group manufactures in 45 *countries and reinvests over*seas profits so the company is less affected than UK engineering firms which export a product costed in sterling. However, should the pound rise further the translation would make TI's earnings look weak. Taken together, the currency situation and the state of its markets do not bode well.

Cowie

COWIE'S problems have not gone away. Its loss of market value may be mourned as a casualty of the great transport bear run earlier this year, but the uncertainties which scared its sharehold*ers have failed to disappear.*

There is nothing shameful in a 48 per cent leap in profits, nor in the 26 per cent leap it will probably accomplish by the year end. But it sits in a deal-driven sector, and its share value is gauged by management skills and expansion plans.

Both these issues are in *question. Gordon Hodgson* may have anointed a successor, but he intends to become a permanent feature of the boardroom even after giving up the title. This is unlikely to make for harmony.

The key question is whether it will be successful abroad, so the price of its next acquisition is crucial. The best transport *deals are normally the ones* sealed first, and Cowie is already two steps behind its rivals in Scandi-navia.

At present, it is 100 per cent British and the domestic prospects look good. Its shares look fair value but, if Cowie goes a-hunting, it needs to show it has the ruthless cunning of a Stagecoach *if it is to keep the earnings* momentum. Evidence of this will be needed before the shares become a buy.

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COMMODITIES

LIFFE

COCOA

Jul	unq	Sep	1124-1122
Sep	1016-1015	Dec	1130-1129
Dec	1050-1049	Mar	1148-1142
Mar	1073-1072	May	1154-1150
May	1099 SLR		
Jul	1106 SLR	Volume:	2103

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jul	unq	Mar	1575-1565
Sep	1642-1641	May	unq
Nov	1629 BID	Jul	
Jan	1604 SLR	Volume:	2901

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		May	422.4-21.5
Spot: 340.0		*Aug*	*320.4-19.0*
Oct	326.0-29.0	Oct	314.4-11.0
Dec	323.6-23.0	Dec	314.4-09.0
Mar	325.1-24.0	Volume:	478

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Average fatstock prices at representative markets on July 30

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	79.24	105.53	97.30
(+/-)	-2.32	-4.54	-0.79
Eng/Wales:	79.24	105.95	96.18
(+/-)	-2.23	-4.55	-1.17
(%)	-2.0	+14.0	+14.0
Scotland:	unq	103.64	102.35
(+/-)		-4.93	+0.74
(%)		-4.0	+20.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.85	-0.20
Brent 15 day (Sep)	18.60	-0.20
Brent 15 day (Oct)	18.65	-0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	19.90	-0.30
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	20.00	-0.30

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	212 (+1)	213 (+1)
Gasoil EEC	168 (-1)	169 (-3)
3.5 Fuel Oil	84 (n/c)	86 (n/c)
Naphtha	191 (n/c)	193 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Aug	169.25-69.50	Nov	173.75-74.00
Sep	170.50-70.75	Dec	175.00-75.25
Oct	172.00-72.25		Vol: 17217

BRENT (6.00pm)

Sep	18.62-18.64	Dec	18.84-18.90
Oct	*18.66-18.68*	*Jan*	*18.87-18.92*
Nov	18.76 BID		Vol: 35122

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

LIFFE WHEAT (close £/t)		*LIFFE BARLEY* (close £/t)	
Sep	82.50	Sep	77.75
Nov	84.90	Nov	80.25
Jan	87.00	Jan	82.25
Mar	89.00	Mar	84.35
May	91.00	May	85.50
Volume:	469	Volume:	26

LIFFE POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	62.0	62.0
Mar	unq	85.0
Apr	93.0	95.0
		Volume 64

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
Aug 63.00-63.50

LIFFE BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jul 97	Unq	—	1291
Aug 97	1290	1280	1295
Sep 97	1355	1340	1355
Oct 97	1455	1448	1455
Vol: 249 lots		*Open Interest:*	*3950*

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash:	3mth:	Rudolf Wolff Vol:
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2329.0-2330.0	2301.0-2302.0	1189650
Lead ($/tonne)	619.00-620.00	632.00-633.00	317725
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1513.0-1517.0	1430.0-1435.0	1745900
Tin ($/tonne)	5465.0-5490.0	5525.0-5528.0	50620
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1679.5-1680.5	1679.0-1680.0	2313600
Nickel ($/tonne)	7275.0-7280.0	7370.0-7375.0	179400

LIFFE OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Alld Dom	420	29½	38½	44	9	21	25
(*453)	460	11	19	25	29½	43½	47
ASDA	140	8	12	14½	6	8	9½
(*142½)	160	1½	4½	6½	19½	20½	21½
Boots	750	49	71	—	21½	36½	—
(*774)	800	20	49	61	44	56½	59½
Br Airways	650	43½	65	74½	21½	30½	36½
(*664)	700	20½	39	48	46½	56½	62
BP	800	55	71½	87	16½	25½	32
(*836½)	850	29	49	59	35½	48	54½
Br Steel	160	12½	17	20	6	9	11
(*166)	180	4	8	11	17½	20	20
C & W	600	15	63	76½	21	31	36½
(*610)	650	22½	39	52	48	57½	62
CU	650	60	93	102	27	41	50½
(*686)	700	34	55½	67½	52½	64½	75½
ICI	950	77	119½	118	22	35	45
(*1004)	1000	45	76	91	41	57	70
Land Sec	900	57	77½	91	15	24½	26
(*951)	950	29½	47½	62	36	46	50
M & S	550	54½	68	77½	9	15	18½
(*595½)	600	24½	36	46	27	34	40
Nat West	850	67½	106	116½	47½	72	86½
(*868)	900	43	52	103	74½	102½	113
Safeway plc	360	34	43	50½	6½	12	15
(*384½)	390	16	25½	33	16	24½	28
Sainsbury	420	24½	34½	43½	15	20	24½
(*426)	460	9	18	25½	30	43	46
Shell	450	25½	37	—	20½	27½	—
(*451½)	500	9	17½	24	53½	58	61½
Smkl Bch	1150	91½	125	148	33½	51½	60
(*1194½)	1200	64	99½	122	56	74½	82½
Storehse	300	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	330	—	—	—	—	—	—
Trafalgar	50	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	60	—	—	—	—	—	—
Zeneca	2000	117	170	198	65	97	112
(*2026)	2100	74½	124½	147	115½	149½	162½
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
BAT Ind	500	38	56	64	24	33	41½
(*517)	550	19	35	42	53½	60	66
Vodafone	300	22	31	36	9½	16	19½
(*308½)	330	9	16½	22	26	32	34½
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Grnd Met	550	52	69	81½	1	9½	20
(*590)	600	16	37½	51	14½	27	40
Ladbroke	240	9	19½	24	4	11	12½
(*245½)	260	2	10	15	16	22	23½
Utd Bisc	200	9½	16	21½	2½	7½	10
(*206)	220	1½	7½	12½	14½	19½	21

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
BAA	550	44½	57½	66	9	15½	19
(*578)	600	17	31	38	33	38½	42
Thames W	800	47½	58	72	29½	40	45
(*804)	850	22½	37	49	58	66	73
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
BTR	190	13	17	24	2	9	11
(*197½)	200	2½	9½	14½	11½	20	21
Br Aero	1300	46½	89	120½	14½	40½	51½
(*1312)	1350	20½	62	93	37	64	74
Br Telecm	420	14½	28	34	19	31½	33
(*427)	460	1½	14	20½	49	57½	58½
Cadbury	550	45	58½	72	2	12½	17½
(*590½)	600	12	29½	42½	14	32½	38½
Guinness	550	42½	56½	66	1½	14	18
(*590½)	600	9	27	36½	19½	34	40½
GEC	330	26	36½	42	1	6½	10
(*354)	360	5	19	24½	11	18	21½
Hanson	300	12½	22	31	4	13	17
(*307½)	330	1	9½	17½	23	39½	34
LASMO	260	21	31	38	1½	6½	9
(*279)	280	7½	19½	25	8½	13	17
LucasVarity	180	11½	18½	22½	2	7	8½
(*188)	200	2½	10	13½	13	17½	18½
Pilkingtn	130	5½	—	—	3½	—	—
(*131½)	140	1½	—	—	9½	—	—
Prudential	550	49½	61	80	5	20	29
(*594½)	600	11	34½	55½	25	43½	53
Redland	290	11½	30	28	5½	14½	17½
(*283)	300	3	11½	19½	18½	26	29½
R-Royce	220	10½	25	40	2	9	11
(*224)	240	3½	14	20	10	17½	20½
Tesco	390	25½	35½	40	3	11	16½
(*411½)	420	7	18½	32	14½	23½	29
Williams	330	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	360	—	—	—	—	—	—

FTSE INDEX (*4915)

	4800	4850	4900	4950	5000	5050
Calls						
Aug	139½	102	72½	49	30	18
Sep	195	154	134½	109	87½	66
Oct	271½	218½	179	151½	129½	108
Nov	280	249½	218	191	166½	140½
Dec	319	—	255	—	202	—
Puts						
Aug	33½	47½	71	99	111	170½
Sep	79	99½	120½	146	176	206½
Oct	116	125½	147	172	201½	231½
Nov	138½	157	177½	201½	229	258
Dec	142½	—	182	—	234	—

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Abby Nat	800	70	99	111	30	45	57
(*840½)	850	43½	74	85½	54½	69½	80
Amstrad	140	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	160	—	—	—	—	—	—
Barclays	1250	92	141½	155½	50	80	92½
(*1280½)	1300	67	116½	129½	74½	104½	115½
Natl Pwr	500	55½	65½	74	9	17	17
(*541½)	550	24½	35½	45	26½	36	37½
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Glaxo Well	1250	84	120	140½	37½	58	71
(*1293½)	1300	59½	93½	119	61	81½	93½
HSBC	2200	117	192	239	100	137	159½
(*2209½)	2300	74½	144	192	156½	191	212½
Reuter	650	38	58½	71	23	34½	41½
(*661½)	700	15½	39½	46½	51½	61½	66
Royal & Sun	500	38½	45	53	25½	35½	41½
(*503)	550	10	24½	32	57½	65	71
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Blue Circ	390	28	38	48	1	9	12
(*415)	420	8½	21½	30½	10½	21	26
	Series	*Aug*	*Nov*	*Feb*	*Aug*	*Nov*	*Feb*
Kingfishr	700	31½	55	69	9½	27	33
(*720)	750	8½	33½	45½	35	51	56
	Series	Jun			Jun		
Br Gas	240	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	260	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Dixons	550	70	86	97½	6½	13½	16½
(*609)	600	33	56½	67	20	30½	37
EMI Group	548	36½	57	69½	14	26	31
(*565)	575	22½	43½	55½	26	39	43½
Tarmac	110	8	10½	14	3	6	7½
(*113)	120	3½	6½	9½	8½	12	13
Hillsdwn	160	7½	—	—	4½	—	—
(*161)	180	1	—	—	19	—	—
Lonrho	120	9	11½	14½	4½	8½	9
(*120½)	130	4	7	10	11	12	15
Sears	90	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	100	—	—	—	—	—	—
Thorn EMI	1500	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	1600	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tomkins	300	11½	19½	23½	9½	14	18½
(*307)	330	2	8	11½	32	33	36½
Lloyds TSB	650	50	76½	87	24½	30	46
(*676½)	700	27½	53	62	50	64	71
Scot Pwr	420	20½	31	36	15½	22	26½
(*431½)	460	5½	15	19½	42	46	49
Unilever	1700	103½	145½	178	37	41½	49
(*1771)	1800	45½	97½	122	58	82½	90

July 31 1997 Tot: 36468 Call: 25072
Put: 11396 FTSE Call: 2164 Put: 994
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
Long Gilt	Sep 97	115-27	116-02	115-10	115-14	76937
Previous open interest 194795	Dec 97	115-09	115-11	115-00	115-01	1377
German Govt Bond (Bund)	Sep 97	103.39	103.51	102.90	103.03	216771
Previous open interest 264813	Dec 97	102.50	102.56	102.20	102.18	695
Italian Govt Bond (BTP)	Sep 97	137.95	138.05	136.65	137.03	62516
Previous open interest 109611	Dec 97	109.70	109.70	109.70	108.96	197
Japanese Govt Bond (JGB)	Sep 97	126.40	126.51	126.29	126.29	2122
	Dec 97	125.80	125.87	125.76	125.68	421
Three Mth Sterling	Sep 97	92.74	92.75	92.71	92.72	13260
	Dec 97	92.60	92.61	92.56	92.57	18785
Previous open interest 624693	Mar 98	92.59	92.60	92.55	92.57	18197
Three Mth Euromark	Sep 97	96.69	96.72	96.69	96.70	19433
Previous open interest 1602517	Dec 97	96.54	96.57	96.53	96.54	45034
Three Mth Eurolira	Sep 97	93.30	93.33	93.28	93.30	15934
Previous open interest 374014	Dec 97	93.67	93.69	93.61	93.65	12073
Three Mth Euroyen	Dec 97				99.29	0
	Mar 98	99.17	99.17	99.17	99.17	175
Three Mth Euroswiss	Sep 97	98.42	98.47	98.40	98.45	8915
Previous open interest 135911	Dec 97	98.27	98.32	98.26	98.30	4875
Three Mth ECU	Sep 97	95.67	95.70	95.67	95.67	750
Previous open interest 39503	Dec 97	95.66	95.66	95.63	95.65	665
FTSE 100	Sep 97	4945.0	4963.0	4915.0	4917.0	8582
Previous open interest 78524	Dec 97	5010.0	5016.0	5006.0	4980.0	255

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¾ Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 8¼ Low 6¼ Week fixed: 6$^{11}/_{16}$
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6$^{11}/_{16}$; 3 mth 6$^{11}/_{16}$. Sell: 2 mth 6$^{11}/_{16}$; 3 mth: 6$^{11}/_{16}$.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6$^{27}/_{32}$-6$^{25}/_{32}$	6$^{29}/_{32}$-6¾	6$^{31}/_{32}$-6$^{29}/_{32}$	7⅛-7$^{1}/_{16}$	
Sterling Money Rates:	6$^{27}/_{32}$-6¾	7$^{1}/_{32}$-6$^{31}/_{32}$	7$^{3}/_{32}$-7$^{1}/_{32}$	7$^{5}/_{16}$-7$^{7}/_{32}$	7$^{15}/_{32}$-7$^{11}/_{32}$
Interbank:	6$^{13}/_{16}$-6¾	7$^{1}/_{32}$-6$^{31}/_{32}$	7$^{3}/_{32}$-7$^{1}/_{32}$	7$^{5}/_{16}$-7$^{7}/_{32}$	7$^{15}/_{32}$-7$^{11}/_{32}$

Overnight: open 6¾, close 7½.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	6¾	n/a	7	7¼	7½
Sterling CDs:	6$^{27}/_{32}$-6$^{25}/_{32}$	7-6$^{31}/_{32}$	7$^{3}/_{32}$-7$^{1}/_{32}$	7$^{9}/_{32}$-7¼	7½-7$^{15}/_{32}$
Dollar CDs:	5.53	n/a	5.57	5.65	5.83
Building Society CDs:	6$^{27}/_{32}$-6¾	7$^{1}/_{32}$-6$^{31}/_{32}$	7$^{3}/_{32}$-7$^{1}/_{32}$	7¼-7¼	7½-7$^{15}/_{32}$

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5$^{9}/_{16}$-5$^{7}/_{16}$	5⅝-5½	5$^{11}/_{16}$-$^{9}/_{16}$	5$^{25}/_{32}$-$^{23}/_{32}$	5⅛-4⅞
Deutschemark:	3$^{1}/_{16}$-2$^{15}/_{16}$	3⅛-2⅞	3$^{3}/_{16}$-2⅞	3¼-3	3¼-2¾
French Franc:	3$^{5}/_{16}$-3$^{3}/_{16}$	3$^{5}/_{16}$-3$^{3}/_{16}$	3⅜-3⅛	3$^{7}/_{16}$-3$^{5}/_{16}$	3¼-2¾
Swiss Franc:	1½-1¼	1½-1⅜	1½-1⅜	1$^{11}/_{16}$-1$^{9}/_{16}$	1⅜-⅞
Yen:	$^{9}/_{16}$-$^{7}/_{16}$	$^{9}/_{16}$-$^{7}/_{16}$	$^{9}/_{16}$-$^{7}/_{16}$	⅝-½	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $326.20-326.50 Close: $324.80-325.30 High: $326.70-327.20
Low: $324.80-325.30 AM: $326.00 PM: $326.35

Krugerrand: $324.50-326.50 (£198.00-200.00)

Platinum: $429.00 (£261.60) **Silver:** $4.43 (£2.695) **Palladium:** $211.00 (£128.85)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for July 31	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.3705-3.3924	3.3840-3.3871	1¼-1pr	3½-3¼pr
Brussels	61.770-62.220	62.021-62.140	19-14pr	58-41pr
Copenhagen	11.401-11.477	11.454-11.465	¾-¼pr	1-¾pr
Dublin	*1.1195-1.1297*	*1.1232-1.1262*	*9-3pr*	*25-19pr*
Frankfurt	2.9919-3.0124	3.0064-3.0090	1-¾pr	3-2¾pr
Lisbon	302.53-304.69	303.66-304.17	¾-½pr	1¼-1pr
Madrid	252.59-254.31	253.83-254.03	38-27pr	119-100pr
Milan	2921.6-2939.2	2932.2-2935.7	¼pr-¼ds	¼pr-¼ds
Montreal	2.2546-2.2701	2.2622-2.2644	0.71-0.67pr	1.37-1.30pr
New York	1.6346-1.6450	1.6370-1.6380	0.195-0.175pr	0.603-0.572pr
Oslo	12.406-12.491	12.472-12.486	¾-¼pr	1-¾pr
Paris	*10.090-10.157*	*10.135-10.145*	*¾-¼pr*	*1-¾pr*
Stockholm	13.014-13.072	13.029-13.049	¾-¼pr	¾-¼pr
Tokyo	193.04-194.38	193.73-194.02	1¼-1pr	3½-3¼pr
Vienna	21.050-21.196	21.153-21.173	¾-¼pr	2-1½pr
Zurich	2.4710-2.4819	2.4747-2.4775	1¼-1¼pr	3½-3¼pr

Source: Extel *Premium - pr. Discount - ds*

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3415-1.3424
Austria	12.88-12.89
Belgium (Com)	37.81-37.85
Canada	1.3820-1.3825
Denmark	6.9811-6.9816
France	6.1782-6.1792
Germany	1.8325-1.8330
Hong Kong	7.7417-7.7427
Ireland	1.4573-1.4598
Italy	1789.40-1789.90
Japan	118.36-118.46
Malaysia	2.6355-2.6385
Netherlands	2.0642-2.0647
Norway	7.6011-7.6061
Portugal	185.20-185.50
Singapore	1.4702-1.4712
Spain	154.80-154.83
Sweden	7.9504-7.9554
Switzerland	1.5120-1.5125

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6370-1.6397
Australia dollar	2.1977-2.2005
Bahrain dinar	*0.6115-0.6235*
Brazil real*	1.7705-1.7750
China yuan	13.423-13.723
Cyprus pound	0.8735-0.8835
Finland markka	8.8790-8.9910
Greece drachma	466.25-473.25
Hong Kong dollar	12.6864-12.6958
India rupee	58.00-58.96
Indonesia rupiah	n/a
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4940-0.5040
Malaysia ringgit	4.3185-4.3261
New Zealand dollar	2.5251-2.5285
Pakistan rupee	65.85 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.9000-6.0240
Singapore dollar	2.4075-2.4106
S Africa rand (com)	7.4890-7.5910
U A E dirham	5.9525-6.0765

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FTSE VOLUMES

3i	1,400	Ladbroke	2,400
ASDA Gp	5,900	Land Secs	1,100
Abbey Ntl	1,400	*Legal & Gn*	*2,000*
Allnce & Leic	2,100	Lloyds TSB	6,600
Allied Dom	3,100	LucasVarity	10,400
AB Foods	1,700	Marks Spr	4,800
BAA	1,100	Mercury Ast	349
BAT Inds	5,600	NatWst Bk	7,000
BG	7,100	Nat Grid	8,300
BOC	732	Nat Power	3,200
BP	5,700	Next	2,100
BSkyB	*2,700*	*Orange*	*618*
BTR	13,600	P & O	1,300
BT	27,600	Pearson	464
Bk of Scot	2,100	PowerGen	1,400
Barclays	2,300	Prudential	2,600
Bass	2,300	RMC	365
Blue Circle	693	Railtrack	1,900
Boots	942	Rank Group	4,500
BAe	921	Reckitt Col	1,000
BA	5,100	Reed Intl	3,900
British Land	1,200	Rentokil	5,100
Brit Steel	12,300	Reuters	3,500
Burmah Cstl	3,900	Rio Tinto	2,500
Cable Wire	2,300	Rolls Royce	3,600
Cadbury	3,000	Royal & Sun	3,600
Carlton Cms	2,700	Royal Bk Sct	2,300
Centrica	11,700	Safeway	2,300
Cm Union	*1,300*	*Sainsbury*	*2,700*
Dixons	4,500	Schroders	54
EMI	2,400	Scot & New	996
Energy Gp	3,400	Scot Power	1,700
Enterpr Oil	2,700	Svrn Trent	1,400
GKN	970	Shell Trans	7,200
GRE	5,500	Siebe	3,100
GUS	2,000	SmKl Bch	8,700
Gen Acc	788	Smiths Inds	1,300
Gen Elec	3,700	Std Chartd	1,200
Glaxo Well	9,600	TI Gp	4,300
Granada	1,900	Tate & Lyle	2,100
Grand Met	2,000	Tesco	5,800
Guinness	2,900	Thames W	479
HSBC	1,100	Tomkins	3,500
Halifax	9,900	Unilever	940
Hanson	1,500	Utd Utilities	1,200
Hays	240	Utd News	2,400
ICI	12,600	Vodafone	13,000
Imp Tob	2,100	Whitbread	525
Kingfisher	2,200	Wolseley	1,300
LASMO	5,700	Zeneca	1,600

WALL STREET

	Jul 31 midday	Jul 30 close
AMP Inc	52⅞	52¼
AMR Corp	106½	105⅞
AT & T	37	37
Abbott Labs	65⅞	64¼
Advanced Micro	33⅞	33¼
Aetna Life	114¼	114⅜
Alumanum (HF)	53⅜	53
Air Prod & Chem	87¼	87⅞
AirTouch Comm	32½	32¼
Albertson's	36⅜	36⅞
Alcan Aluminm	39⅞	38⅞
Allied Signal	93⅞	93⅞
Alum Co of Am	88⅜	87⅞
Amerada Hess	58⅞	58⅜
Amer El Power	44⅞	44⅜
Amer Express	83⅜	82⅞
Amer Genl Corp	53⅜	53⅞
Amer Home Pr	82⅞	82¼
Amer Intl	106	106⅜
Amer Stores	25⅛	24⅞
Amer Standard	49	49¼
Ameritech	68⅜	68
Amgen	59⅜	59⅜
Amoco	95⅜	94⅛
Andrew Corp	27⅞	27⅞
Anheuser-Busch	43⅞	43⅜
Apple Computer	17⅞	17⅜
Archer Daniels	22¼	22⅜
Armco	5⅛	5¼
Armstrng Wrld	74⅞	73⅜
Asarco	34⅛	33⅜
Atl Richfield	73⅜	73⅞
Atmel Corp	33⅜	33⅞
Auto Data Pro	49¼	48¼
Avery Dennison	43⅞	43⅜
Avon Products	73⅜	73⅜
Baker Hughes	43⅜	43⅞
Baltim Gas & El	27⅜	27⅜
Banc One	56⅛	56⅜
BankAmerica	76⅞	75¼
Bank of NY	49	48⅜
Bankers Tr NY	103	102⅜
Barnett Banks	57⅞	56⅞
Bausch & Lomb	42⅛	41⅞
Baxter Intl	57⅜	56⅜
Becton Dicknsn	53⅛	53⅜
Bell Atlantic	72⅝	72⅜
BellSouth	47⅞	47⅛
Black & Decker	42⅛	42⅜
Block (H&R)	38⅛	38⅜
Boeing	59⅜	58⅜
Boise Cascade	37⅜	37⅜
Boston Scien	72⅛	73⅜
Bristol Myrs Sq	79⅛	79
Browning Ferris	37⅛	38¼
Brunswick	32⅛	32¼
Burlington Nthn	96⅞	96¼
CMS Energy Corp	37	37⅜
CPC Intl	96⅞	97¼
CSX	60⅞	60⅞
Campbell Soup	51⅛	51⅞
Carolina Pwr	35¼	35⅜
Case Corp	63⅞	63⅜
Caterpillar	59⅞	59⅜
Central & SW	19⅞	19⅞
Champion Intl	62⅛	62⅜
Chase Manhat	114⅜	112⅞
Chevron Corp	80	79⅞
Chrysler	37⅞	37⅜
Chubb Corp	70⅛	69⅜
Cigna Corp	199¼	195¼
Citicorp	137⅞	139⅜
Clorox	138⅛	139⅜
Coastal Corp	55⅜	55⅞
Coca Cola	69⅛	69⅞
Coca Cola Ent	30⅜	30½
Colgate-Palm	76	75⅜
Columbia Gas	68⅞	68⅜
ColumbiaHCA	33⅞	33⅞
Compaq Comp	57⅛	55⅜
Comp Asr Intl	67⅜	67⅞
Conagra	70⅛	70¼
Cons Edison	31⅛	31⅜
Cons Nat Gas	58⅞	59⅞
Cooper Inds	57¼	57⅜
Corestates	61¼	62⅜
Corning Inc	60⅛	60⅜
C'wide Credit	34⅛	33⅞
Cresar Finl	47⅞	46⅛
Crown Cork	50⅜	50⅞
Dana Corp	45¼	45⅜
Dayton Hudson	64⅞	63⅞
Deere	58⅜	56⅞
Delta Air Lines	88⅞	88⅜
Deluxe Corp	33¼	33⅞
Digital Equip	41⅛	41¼
Dillard Dept St	37⅜	37⅛
Disney (Walt)	81¼	80⅞
Dominion Res	36⅞	36⅛
Donnelley (RR)	40⅞	41⅛
Dover Corp	72⅜	72⅜
Dow Chemical	93⅜	93¼
Dow Jones	43⅛	42⅞
Dresser	41⅜	41⅛
Duke Power	49⅞	49¼
Dun & Bradstreet	27⅜	27⅜
Du Pont	68	67⅞
Eastman Chem	59⅞	59⅜
Eastman Kodak	67⅜	68⅛
Eaton Corp	89⅞	90¼

	Jul 31 midday	Jul 30 close
Edison Intl	25⅛	25⅛
Elect Data Sys	43⅜	43⅞
Emerson Elec	58¼	58⅛
Engelhard Corp	21¼	22
Enron Corp	37⅞	37⅜
Entergy	27⅜	27⅞
Ethyl Corp	8¼	8⅛
Exxon	64½	63⅞
FMC Corp	86⅛	85
FPL Group	48	47⅞
Federal Express	62⅞	63⅞
Fifth Third Banc	64⅛	63⅞
First Bk Sys	89⅞	89⅛
Fleet Finl Grp	67⅛	67⅞
Fluor Corp	60⅞	61⅛
Ford Motor	41⅛	41⅜
Fortune Brands	35⅞	35⅞
Franklin Res	89⅞	89⅞
GTE Corp	46⅞	46⅛
Gannett	100¼	101¼
Gap Inc Del	44⅞	44⅛
Gen Dynamics	85⅛	84⅜
Gen Electric	71	70⅜
Gen Mills	68⅞	68⅞
Gen Motors	61¼	60
Gen Reinsurance	206⅛	206
Gen Signal	49⅞	49⅛
Genuine Parts	32⅜	32⅜
Georgia Pac	94½	94¼
Gillette	98⅞	98⅜
Glaxo Wellc ADR	42⅞	43¼
Goodrich (BF)	44¼	44⅞
Goodyear Tire	65⅞	66⅛
Grt Atl Pac Tea	27⅞	27¼
Great Lakes	48⅜	48¼
Halliburton	45⅜	45⅞
Harcourt General	47½	47¼
Heinz (HJ)	46⅞	46⅛
Hercules	53⅜	53⅞
Hershey Foods	55⅞	55⅜
Hewlett Packard	68⅞	67⅞
Hilton Hotels	31⅛	31⅞
Home Depot	49⅞	49
Homestake Mng	13⅜	13⅜
Honeywell	74⅞	74⅛
Household Intl	124⅜	124⅞
Houston Inds	21⅜	21⅞
Humana	24⅞	23⅞
ITT Corp	63⅜	63⅞
Ikon Office	29⅞	29
Illinois Tool	49⅞	50⅜
Illinova	22⅜	22⅜
INCO	31⅛	31⅜
Ingersoll Rand	68⅞	68⅞
Inland Steel	23⅛	23⅜
Intel Corp	89⅛	89⅜
IBM	105⅜	106
Intl Flav & Fr	52⅞	52⅜
Intl Paper	58	57⅞
James River Va	41⅞	41⅛
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	62½	61⅛
Kellogg	91⅛	92⅞
Kerr-McGee	63⅞	63
Kimberly-Clark	50½	50⅞
Kmart	11⅞	11⅞
Knight-Ridder	49½	49⅜
Lilly (Eli)	113⅜	111⅞
Limited Inc	22⅞	21⅞
Lincoln Nat	69⅛	69¼
Litton	51⅞	50⅜
Liz Claiborne	48⅞	48⅛
Lockheed Martin	106⅜	107⅜
Louisiana Pac	23	23⅞
MCI Comm	34⅜	35⅞
Manpower Inc	48⅜	48⅞
Marriott Int	68⅜	68⅜
Marsh & McLnn	76⅛	75⅞
Masco Corp	45⅜	44⅛
May Dept St	55⅞	56⅛
Maytag Corp	28⅞	28⅜
McDonalds	54⅛	54⅞
McDonnell D	76⅞	76⅛
McGraw Hill	68⅞	67⅜
Mead Corp	72⅛	72⅜
Medtronic	89⅛	89⅞
Mellon Bk	51	50⅞
Merck Inc	104⅞	103⅞
Merrill Lynch	69⅛	68⅛
Microsoft	141¼	141¼
Minnesota Mine	96⅛	95⅞
Mobil Corp	76	76⅞
Monsanto	50⅞	50⅜
Morgan (JP)	116⅛	116
Motorola Inc	80⅛	80⅛
Natl Semi	31⅛	31¼
Natl Service Ind	49⅞	49
Navistar Int	20⅞	20⅛
NY Times A	50⅞	50⅞
Newmont Mng	40⅞	40⅞
Nike B	61⅞	62⅛
NL Industries	13	13
Noram Energy	16	16
Nordstrom	57⅜	58⅛
Norfolk Sthrn	111¼	110⅞
Nthn State Pwr	51⅛	51⅞
Norwest Corp	65⅞	65⅞
Nynex Corp	55⅜	55
Occidental Pet	25	25⅞
Ohio Edison	22	22
Oracle	55⅜	55⅛

	Jul 31 midday	Jul 30 close
Oryx Energy Co	24½	23⅞
Owens Corning	41⅛	41¼
PPG Industries	64⅞	64⅞
PMI Group	58⅜	58⅞
PNC Bank	45⅜	45⅜
PP&L Res	20⅞	20⅞
Paccar Inc	49	49⅜
Pacificorp	22⅜	21⅞
Pac Enterprises	33⅜	33⅜
Pall Corp	24⅛	24¼
Parker Hannifin	65⅛	63⅜
Peco Energy	23⅞	22⅞
Penney (JC)	59⅞	60
Pennzoil	78⅜	78⅛
Pepsico	38⅞	38⅞
Pfizer	59⅞	59½
Pharm & Upjhn	37⅜	37⅛
Phelps Dodge	85½	85⅞
Philip Morris	45⅞	45⅞
Phillips Pet	46½	46⅞
Pitney Bowes	75⅞	74⅞
Polaroid	59⅞	59⅛
Procter & Gmbl	154⅜	153
Providian	39⅛	39⅛
Pub Serv E & G	24½	24⅛
Quaker Oats	50⅞	51⅛
Ralston Purina	91⅞	91⅛
Raychem Corp	94⅛	93⅞
Raytheon	56⅛	56⅛
Reebok Intl	52	51⅞
Reynolds Metals	78⅛	78
Rockwell Intl	65⅞	64⅜
Rohm & Haas	96⅞	97⅛
Royal Dutch	56⅜	55⅞
Rubbermaid	26⅜	26⅛
SBC Comms	59⅛	60⅛
Safeco Corp	47⅞	47⅛
St Paul's Cos	79⅛	79⅛
Sallie Mae	147½	145½
Salomon Inc	60½	60
Sara Lee Corp	44⅜	44⅛
Schering Plough	52⅛	51⅞
Schlumberger	75⅞	74⅞
Seagram	38⅛	38⅛
Sears Roebuck	62⅛	63⅞
Shell Trans	44½	43⅛
Sherwin Wllms	31⅛	31¼
Silicon Graphics	24⅜	24⅛
Snap-On-Tools	41⅛	41
Southern Co	21⅞	22
Southtrust	47⅜	47⅛
Sprint Corp	48⅛	49⅞
Stanley Works	46	45⅛
Sun Company	35⅛	36
Sun Microsys	48⅛	48⅞
Suntrust	64⅛	64⅞
Supervalu	40⅞	40⅛
Synovus Fin	28⅛	28⅛
Sysco Corp	37⅞	37⅜
TRW Inc	58⅜	59⅜
TIG Hldgs	31⅞	31⅞
Tandem Comp	29⅞	28⅛
Tandy Corp	59¼	59⅞
Temple Inland	67½	67⅞
Tenet Healthcare	30⅛	31
Tenneco	46⅞	46⅞
Texaco	115⅞	114⅛
Texas Inst	114½	114⅞
Texas Utilities	35⅞	34⅞
Textron	69⅞	69⅞
Thermo Elect	35	34⅛
Time Warner	54⅛	54⅞
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Whirlpool	59	59⅞
Whitman	25⅞	25⅞
Winn Dixie	38⅞	38⅞
Witco Corp	40	40⅞
Woolworth	26⅞	26⅞
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	76⅞	76
Xerox	80⅞	79⅞
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Big money: Luc Luycx, the Belgian designer, centre, with replicas of his euro coins, which could be as dominant a force in world finance as the dollar

Euro will narrow monetary gap between US and Europe

The dollar will have its first real competitor since toppling sterling, C. Fred Bergsten says

The creation of a single currency will be the most important development in the international monetary system since the adoption of flexible exchange rates in the early Seventies. The dollar will have its first real competitor since it surpassed the pound as the world's dominant currency in the inter-war period. As much as $1 trillion of international investment may shift from dollars to euros. Volatility between the world's key currencies will increase, requiring new forms of international co-operation if severe costs for the global economy are to be avoided.

The global economic roles of the European Union and the US are nearly identical. The EU accounts for about 31 per cent of world output and 20 per cent of world trade. The US provides about 27 per cent of global production and 18 per cent of world trade. The dollar's 40 to 60 per cent share of world finance far exceeds the economic weight of the US. The dollar's market share is three to five times that of the mark, the only European currency now used globally.

Inertia is a powerful force in international finance. For half a century, sterling retained a global role far in excess of Britain's economic strength. The dollar will probably remain the leading currency indefinitely. But the creation of the euro will narrow, and perhaps eventually close, the present monetary gap between the US and Europe. The dollar and euro are each likely to wind up with about 40 per cent of world finance, with about 20 per cent remaining for the yen, the Swiss franc, and minor currencies. The euro will probably be strong from its inception. The Maastricht treaty gives the European Central Bank (ECB) a mandate to ensure price stability. The ECB will place overwhelming emphasis on establishing its credibility as soon as possible. It will be especially chary of any depreciation of the euro's exchange rate and is likely to view euro appreciation as an early sign of success. The ECB will be the first central bank in history without a government looking over its shoulder.

The fiscal criteria of the Maastricht treaty are likely to be interpreted flexibly to enable EMU to start on time and to include the Club Med countries. The "growth and stability pact" to govern budget positions after start-up seems likely to have large loopholes. If unemployment remains high at start-up, the national governments will deploy their only remaining macro-economic tool — fiscal policy — in an expansionary direction. That would intensify the pressure on the ECB to pursue a tight monetary policy.

Combining such budgetary tolerance with a resolute ECB will strengthen the new currency. The proper analogy is with the Federal Reserve, which produced a sky-high dollar in the early Eighties in the face of Ronald Reagan's huge budget deficits, or the Bundesbank, which produced a strong mark in the face of large deficits in the early Nineties triggered by German reunification. The ECB is likely to out-Fed and out-Bundesbank its most distinguished role models. Europe may not carry out the structural reforms needed to restore dynamic economic growth. But markets prize stability more than growth, as indicated by the continued dominance of the dollar through extended periods of sluggish US economic performance. America's external economic position will continue to raise doubts about the future stability and value of the dollar. The US has run current account deficits for the past 15 years. Its net foreign debt exceeds $1 trillion and is rising anually by 15 to 20 per cent. In contrast, the EU has a roughly balanced international asset position and has run modest surpluses in its international accounts in recent years. On this important criterion, the EU is decidedly superior to the US. There will probably be a portfolio diversification of $500 billion to $1 trillion into euros, with most of this shift out of the dollar. This, in turn, will have a significant impact on exchange rates during a long transition period, driving the euro up and the dollar down substantially. The extent of the shift will depend on whether the supply of euros rises in tandem with demand. It will also depend on the relationship between the dollar and the European national currencies when the euro is issued. While most Europeans want a strong euro, they also want to avoid an overvalued currency that deepens their economic difficulties. Many believe their national currencies are already overvalued in spite of recent substantial declines against the dollar. The only way they can avoid the dilemma is to depreciate the European national currencies further before the launch of the euro. The EU would then be able to set the initial exchange rate below the fundamental equilibrium exchange rate and the euro could appreciate modestly without undermining the long-term competitive position of the European economy.

Exchange-market developments from now until the early part of the next century could be a mirror image of the first half of the Eighties. During that period, US budget deficits soared. The elimination of Japanese exchange controls triggered a large portfolio diversificiation from yen into dollars. Fiscal tightening in Europe and Japan further enhanced the dollar's appreciation. The opposite conditions may apply in the period ahead: further reductions in, or even elimination of, the US budget deficit could coincide with European fiscal expansion and a large diversification out of the dollar triggered by the euro's creation.

> In the absence of co-operation between the EU and the US, the euro could create instability

The exchange rate between the euro and the dollar will pose a significant policy challenge. The US and the rest of the world should reject any attempt by Europe to substantially undervalue the euro's start-up rate. It would represent a blatant effort by Europe to export its high unemployment and enable the euro to become a strong currency without any significant cost to its competitive position.

France is running sizeable trade and current account surpluses, even adjusted for its high unemployment. Germany has the world's second-largest trade surplus region. By contrast, the US is the world's largest debtor nation. Its trade and current account deficits are headed well above $200 billion in 1997. These facts hardly suggest that the European currencies are too strong or that the dollar is too weak. The G-7 should, at a minimum, actively resist further European depreciations and dollar appreciation.

European countries pay relatively little attention to fluctuations in their national currencies vis-a-vis the dollar. But external events will play an even smaller role in the larger, unified European economy. Larger and even more frequent changes in the exchange rate of the euro could be accepted with equanimity. The EU might even promote greater currency movements to achieve external adjustment, as the US has done on occasion.

The EU and the US must recognise that prolonged misalignments would be costly for their economies too. The US learnt this in the mid-Eighties when dollar overvaluation caused an extended recession in manufacturing and agriculture. Given the pivotal role of the EU and the US in global trade policy, such lapses would be extremely harmful to the world economy. A structured exchange-rate regime should be developed to manage the relationship that will emerge between the dollar and the euro.

The EU, Japan and the US should negotiate a target zone system with broad currency bands, perhaps 10 per cent on both sides of a nominal midpoint, that would avoid large current account imbalances and their attendant problems.

When President Giscard d'Estaing of France and Helmut Schmidt, the German Chancellor, decided to create the European monetary system in 1978, one of their goals was to foster a more stable global monetary regime. The creation of EMU could bring that vision closer to reality. However, in the absence of co-operation between the EU and the US, the euro could create instability. It is up to the governments of the two regions to achieve a smooth transition from the sterling and dollar-dominated monetary regimes of the 19th and 20th centuries to a stable dollar and euro system in the early 21st century.

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☐ Anatole Kaletsky is away

Dominic Walsh on Forte's shake-up

Granada opens the door on a radical shift in hotel policy

Picture the scene. A disgruntled hotel guest goes up to the reception desk and asks to see the manager. "Um, we don't have a manager, sir," comes the embarrassed reply.

A ridiculous notion? Not if you happen to be staying at a Forte hotel, where manager-free zones are already a reality.

Granada, which paid £3.9 billion for Forte 18 months ago, has scrapped the jobs of 148 general managers at hotels outside London and appointed 58 regional managers with responsibility for a cluster of between two and six hotels each. In Stratford-upon-Avon, for example, the Forte Posthouse is now run as a single business alongside Alveston Manor and the Shakespeare, both part of the Forte Heritage brand.

Understandably, the move by the UK's largest hotel company has created something of a stir. At the extremes, it is viewed as either an inspirational rewriting of the hotelkeepers' manual or a cynical cost-cutting exercise that paves the way for a wholesale sell-off of assets.

The second theory is given some credence by Granada's decision in May quietly to put a package of 13 hotels, most of them Heritages, up for sale with a £42 million price tag. It is understood that another dozen have already been earmaked for disposal and a number of industry observers believe the brand's days within the company are numbered.

"Anyone who thinks this is going to improve standards for the customer is in cloud-cuckoo-land," said one industry consultant. "It is quite simply a short-term attack on the cost base, and that's not something you do if you're a long-term player in a market. I'm convinced Heritage and Méridien will go the way of Exclusive within two years."

One former Forte executive confirmed that further big disposals were inevitable, but cited the controversial £100 million profit improvement plan promised by Granada at the height of the Forte bid as the biggest factor in the removal of general managers. "There were quite a lot of savings to be made from cutting corporate head office costs and administration, and Granada assumed the same waste would be found in the hotels. The problem is that the hotels have never been overstaffed. The wage bill was already at the lower end of the industry average and there was little or no fat to cut."

He added: "They claim the £100 million is in the bag, but if you buy something for £3.9 billion you can persuade people of whatever you want. The reality is that they have struggled to achieve it and cutting general managers is seen as helping."

Granada is adamant that cost-savings and disposals are not a factor. Stephen Poster, managing director of Forte UK Hotels, said: "If you compare the resultant cost base against the size of the company as a whole it makes no material difference. If we were looking to cut costs seriously there are other areas we'd have looked at first. What we're doing is using the experience of our most senior general managers over a wider base." He said that all regional managers had been appointed from within the company, although up to 30 recruits had been drafted in — some from the retail sector — to beef up the quality of the hotel operations managers who now report to them.

At the same time, staff at all levels were being put through training programmes as part of a policy of empowering them to deal with any problems. "If there's a problem I'm sure you'd much prefer the member of staff to deal with it immediately than say, 'I'll get the manager'." The decision to recruit from the retail sector is significant, according to Frank Croston, director of hospitality consulting at Arthur Andersen, the accountant. He said: "We're catching up on retail philosophy, where customer service standards and the brand promise is set and maintained centrally, with unit management being required to deliver that locally. In the traditional hotel the general manager is required to become involved in the brand promise."

Robinson: new consensus

But there is already evidence that standards are suffering. A senior hotel inspector from one of the best-known hotel guide books said: "Obviously it takes time for big changes such as this to bed down properly, but we've already noticed some deterioration. While I think it has every chance of working with standardised products such as Posthouse — as is already the case with Travelodge — there is no doubt things have slipped at some Heritage hotels."

Many observers believe that the problem centres on a lack of morale prevalent throughout Forte. On top of the changes at general manager level, all but three of the senior management team at the time of the takeover have left and that will shortly become two when Patrick Copeland, head of the worldwide hotel business, leaves in September. "There's total disarray at head office," said one insider. "Nobody disputed that big changes were needed, and we were prepared for a certain amount of upheaval. But they've taken it far too far and taken most of the guts out of the engine. The way they've done it has also upset people."

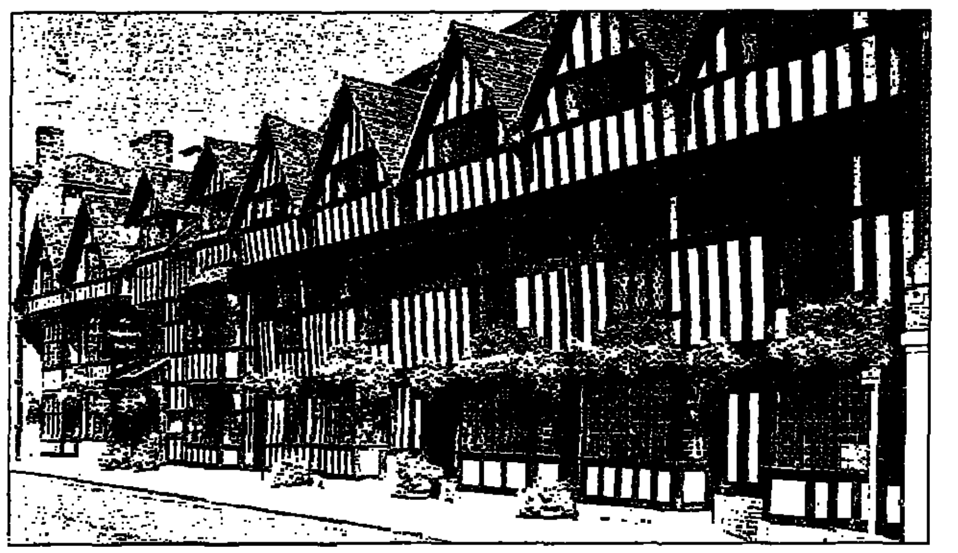
The other profound change implemented by Granada was on room rates. After years of having uniform tariffs across brands, Forte now charges the highest rate it thinks it can get in any given location. In its roadside Travelodge brand this has meant moving from a standard rate of £36.50 per room to one that ranges from £34.95 to £55.95. The result has been a drop in occupancy to just 63 per cent at the interim stage compared with more than 80 per cent at its big competitor. Whitbread-owned Travel Inn, which charges a single rate of £36.50 outside London. Occupancy in the UK as a whole was more or less static, and advances in turnover compared poorly with most competitors at what is generally recognised to be a boom time for Britain's hoteliers.

One insider said: "They hiked up the prices last April then boasted about it. One or two big customers got a bit upset by this and moved some of their business elsewhere."

But analysts pointed to June's interim profits as a reflection of the success of Granada's policy. The hotel division as a whole improved turnover by just 3 per cent to £529 million, but pre-tax profits leapt an impressive 58 per cent to £116 million.

The general view in the City is reasonably positive, although doubts over TV advertising revenues have kept Granada's share price well below its peak, despite a rally in the past few days on the back of American buying.

Another leisure analyst said that Gerry Robinson, Granada's chairman, and Charles Allen, chief executive, are "doing what they did with programme-making and challenging the consensus opinion. That tends to upset alot of people, but it doesn't mean they shouldn't do it. It's too early to say whether it'll work, but by challenging the consensus now they may be creating the consensus of the future".



The Shakespeare is run alongside two other Forte hotels in Stratford-upon-Avon

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Party poopers

UNLUCKY Bill Emmott. The editor of *The Economist* is sending out invitations to a drinks party at the trendy Arts Club in Mayfair on September 9. Unfortunately this is the night of the annual dinner of the Trades Union Congress's general council at their conference in Brighton. Normally, such a gathering of the horny-handed sons of toil would not trouble the diaries of the London *haut monde*. But not under a Labour Government, however new.

Tony Blair will be at the TUC dinner. So will Foreign Secretary Robin Cook, as well as David Blunkett, Margaret Beckett and a host of other ministers. Likewise CBI head Adair Turner, who will speak at the conference the following day, after the Archbishop of Canterbury of all people. This will leave *The Economist* party looking a little threadbare.

Tony Blair, along with Labour colleagues, has spurned The Economist in favour of the TUC

● *OLIVER BARING, who runs South African and African corporate finance business at SBC Warburg, has been limping around on crutches and in plaster. His injury, a shattered knee-cap, was sustained bravely on the sports field. Funny time of year to be playing rugby? Perhaps he slipped on the squash court? The perpetrator was Baring's 19-year-old son Esmond, nicknamed Badger; the weapon a croquet ball, accidentally launched at his father. "Croquet is an extremely dangerous game." Baring claims weakly.*

Small print

A SMALL Kent printer is suing Reed Elsevier over the disputed use of the Minerva trademark. Sittingbourne Print has used the name on stationery and packaging sold to local farmers and the like for more than a decade now, and registered the trade name in 1989. Minerva, originally the Etruscan goddess of arts and crafts, is also the name of a publishing imprint that was owned by Reed. Mike Hill, Sittingbourne's managing director, claims Reed is hiding behind a loophole, because his name is registered to cover paper and paper articles, and Reed claims this description does not cover books.

Bewilderment at the Anglo-Dutch publisher, because Minerva, the book list, was sold to Random House earlier this year. "They can't sue us because we don't own the imprint any more," claims a spokeswoman. Hill insists his David-and-Goliath fight will continue. "It's infringing a registered trademark — I have an absolutely exclusive right to use it. I would like to come to a commercial arrangement." An arrangement, naturally, whereby Reed hands over an amount of money.

Headhunt

IF THERE really is a mummified pygmy in a bank vault at NatWest, he or she must be well placed for the job of heading NatWest Markets. Two more senior staff are leaving, to join the syndicated finance team at Credit Suisse First Boston. Grant Johnson, a managing director at NatWest Markets, takes on the same job title and becomes head of loan syndications. He is bringing with him David Slade as a director. Also joining CSFB is Richard Atterbury, as a managing director charged with expanding the origination and acquisition finance team within the division. He arrives from the Bank of America in Chicago.

● *FROM Mervyn King's brief biog, and a rare attempt at humour from the Bank of England: "He would like to spend more time reading European history, listening to music and playing tennis, which he did regularly before the inflation target was introduced."*

Phone home

IF YOU are lying on a beach in Eilat, The Gambia, Phuket or any other exotic destination and a Japanese businessman plonks himself down on the next sun lounger, tactfully check his beach bag for a name tag. If he is Eisuke Sakakibara, get him to call the office. Sakakibara is a powerful Japanese Finance Ministry official, and rumours that he has been spotted in Tokyo sparked turmoil on Japanese bond markets. He was supposed to be on holiday, so his unscheduled reappearance could only mean action on interest rates, dealers surmised. The ministry in vain insisted that he was out of the country, but would not say where. "He is not in such places as New York, Washington or Europe," said a source. Doesn't narrow it down much, does it?

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N&P UK Growth	106.10	112.80t	+ 0.50	2.06
Equity Income	150.10	159.60	- 0.30	4.14
Extra Income	296.80	305.00	- 0.60	5.77
Smaller Cos	102.60	109.30	+ 0.70	1.75
International	134.20	142.70	+ 1.00	1.32

ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
0131 220 0733

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
UK Small Co.	2329.00	2432.00	- 8.00	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Pacific Portfolio	165.97	178.40	+ 0.31	0.69
UK Equity	108.96	117.49	+ 0.51	2.86
UK Equity & Bd	63.80	67.69	+ 0.09	5.25
UK Smlr Cos	50.81	54.35	..	1.74

CBF CHURCH OF ENGLAND FUNDS
0171 588 1815

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Inv Fd Inc	880.71	904.17	.	3.83
Inv Fd Acc	902.15	915.79		
Fxd Int Sec Inc	161.26	161.80	.	6.83
Fxd Int Sec Acc	164.92	165.53	..	.

COIF CHARITY FUNDS
0171 588 1815

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Investment Inc	881.83	895.15		3.89
Investment Acc	4199.94	4263.42		..
Fixed Int Inc	130.32	130.84	..	6.87
Fixed Int Acc	253.97	254.39		

CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD
0171 407 5966

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Beckman Intl	92.80	97.78		5.12
Beck Bio-Tech	38.84	42.10t	+ 1.80	
Acorn Ethical Tst	193.99	203.77t	. .	0.44
City Fin Assets	84.52	88.75		1.87
City Fin Intl	97.89	102.79		0.06
Future Hse Cap	330.78	351.89t	.	1.69
Buckley Wrld Gth	154.34	163.80		
Sheer Utilities	75.53	77.07	- 0.02	4.52

CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300

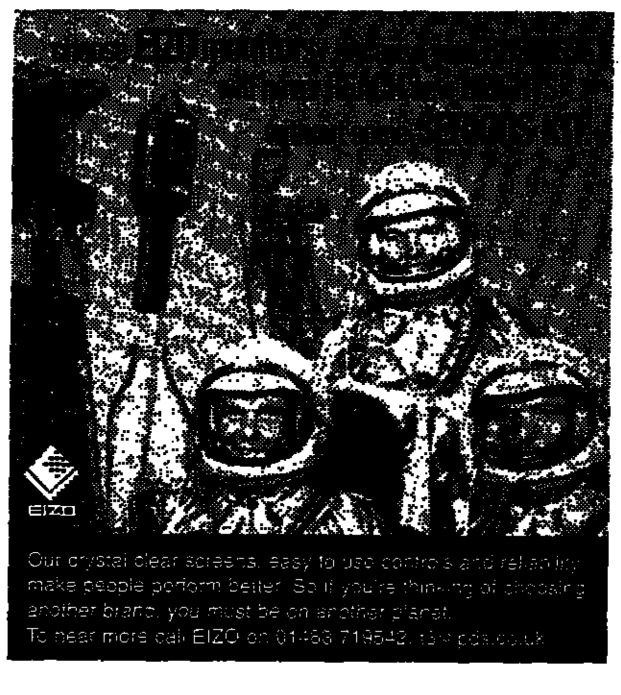
	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Emerging Markets	67.61	71.74	+ 0.49	.

CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD
0345 772 233

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth	98.09	104.35	+ 0.47	
Dragon Growth	77.69	83.09	+ 0.15	0.24
Equity High Inc	105.53	112.73	+ 0.32	3.51
-do- Accum	157.80	166.98	+ 0.47	3.51
Extra Income Inc	27.94	29.40t	+ 0.10	6.39
Extra Income Acc	32.06	33.73	+ 0.11	6.39
European Gwth	82.26	87.05	+ 0.06	0.03
Evergreen	34.34	36.72	- 0.07	
General Equity	124.98	131.90	+ 0.23	2.51
Japan Growth	45.61	48.52	+ 0.26	.
Pedigree Gwth	72.75	76.98	+ 0.23	1.97
Pef Sm Cos Inc	38.53	40.77	+ 0.07	1.42
-do- Accum	41.26	43.66	+ 0.08	1.42
Retirement Inc #	31.65	33.88		5.56
Special Sits	51.11	54.96	+ 0.09	2.82
UK & Overseas	71.58	75.75	+ 0.41	0.37

COLONIAL UNIT TRUSTS (UK) LTD
01534 898 000

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	79.31	82.61	+ 0.21	3.74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KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS
Dealers: 0171 956 7354

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	105.90	109.40t	+ 0.30	6.48
Euro Prw Inc	123.50	131.40t	+ 0.90	2.75
-do- Accum	123.80	131.70t	+ 1.00	2.75
Gilt Yield	121.10	130.90t	+ 0.10	6.18
Global Income	265.70	282.70	+ 2.20	2.83
High Yield	192.70	205.00t	+ 0.80	4.55
-do- Accum	656.30	698.10t	+ 2.80	4.55
Money Market	100.67	100.67t	+ 0.02	6.18
Smllr Cos Div	65.53	69.55	+ 2.25	3.72
Tomorrows Co Ex Acc	1115.00	1131.00t	+ 2.00	3.40
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	189.60	201.70	- 1.30	
Asian Growth	331.60	352.80	- 0.90	.
-do- Accum	383.70	414.60	- 1.10	
North American	138.70	147.50t		
European Special	154.70	164.60t	- 0.20	1.01
European	224.20	238.50t	+ 2.10	0.54
-do- Accum	298.20	317.20t	+ 2.80	0.54
Global Eqty Inc	142.50	151.20	+ 0.30	1.84
Japan	386.50	411.20	+ 1.50	..
Japanese Special	199.80	212.60	+ 1.50	
Smaller Cos	153.30	163.10t	+ 4.70	0.96
UK Equity Growth	61.51	65.66	+ 0.17	1.08
UK Index Inc	401.70	403.70	+ 1.00	3.29
Biotech Tst	117.00	125.70t	- 0.70	1.59
-do- Accum	119.00	127.90t	- 0.60	1.59

LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT
0171 407 5966

MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
0131 222 4242

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Maldon General	184.50	188.10t	.	3.63

MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD
0800 363432

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
High Inc #	101.80	105.00	+ 0.30	6.59
M & S Inv Pfolio	203.80	210.10t	+ 0.60	2.09
-do- Accum	246.90	254.50t	+ 0.60	2.09
UK Sel Pfolio	185.10	190.80t	+ 0.30	2.14
-do- Accum	227.70	234.80t	+ 0.40	2.14
UK 100 Cos	146.70	146.70	+ 0.38	2.26
-do- Accum	150.40	150.40	+ 0.30	2.26

MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD
01204 384 842

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Managed Tst	75.58	80.42	+ 2.58	3.84

MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD
0131 479 4646

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Intl Income	97.40	103.40	+ 0.20	3.15
European	126.10	133.90	+ 0.90	0.33
Income #	98.63	104.70	+ 0.90	3.78
Nth American	123.20	130.80	+ 0.00	0.01
Far East	210.00	222.90	+ 3.00	0.15
Japan	67.13	71.35	+ 0.74	...
Emrging Mkts	109.90	117.50	+ 2.00	0.39
Intl Growth	161.20	171.10	+ 0.80	0.24
UK Growth	138.90	147.50	+ 0.40	2.58
UK Smlr Co	60.83	64.58	- 0.05	1.85
Asia Pacific	44.12	47.19	+ 0.63	0.43
Glob Gwth PEP	75.69	80.34	+ 0.35	0.58

MATHESON UNIT TRUSTS LTD

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
489	407½	Allied Domecq	434½	-1½	6.2	13.0
628	410	Bulmer (HP)	415	+2½	4.5	...
75½	42¾	Burn Stewart	42½	...	10.0	10.6
1040	865	Glenmorangie A	950		1.7	23.5
631	425½	Grand Met	598½	-6½	3.1	19.2
627	424	Guinness	585	-5½	3.4	16.7
380	321½	Highland Dist	325	...	3.2	15.2
336	235	Matthew Clark	246	+1	13.0	7.3
100½	82½	Merrydown Wt	90	+½	6.5	14.8
1976½	1462½	SA Breweries	1953¾	..	1.9	

BANKS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1178¾	918¾	ABN-AMRO	1090¾	-3¾	2.8	16.0
971	710	Abbey Nat	837½	-19½	4.2	13.6
655	532½	Alliance & Leic	610	+3½	3.3	15.0
583	388½	Allied Irish	563	+29½	3.2	16.0
490½	363¾	Aus New Z	480¾		3.9	
4871½	2875	Bank America	4871¼	+178¾	...	
445	291½	Bank Scotland	444½	+10	2.3	13.5
1327	978½	Barclays	1289½	-1	3.1	13.0
744	517½	Bk of Ireland	743	+3½	2.7	18.4
8381½	6006½	Citicorp	8381¼	+228¼	...	
1759¾	1268¾	Commerzbk	1612½	-3¾	2.8	
862½	559¾	Dai Ichi Kan Y	798¼	-16¾	0.6	
4321½	2769¾	Deutsche Bk	4140½	+59¾	1.4	
1268¾	759½	Espirito Santo	1253¼	-3½	2.9	
947½	594½	Fuji Bank Y	795½	+14½	0.6	
2227½	1272½	HSBC	2205½	+6	2.3	19.1
2147	1241	HSBC HK	2133	+13½	2.4	18.5
783	701½	Halifax	736½	+28½	2.5	22.0
618	483½	Irish Perm	587½	+2½	2.7	
730½	424	Lloyds TSB	675½	-10½	2.4	21.9
902½	669½	Nat Aust Bk	889	-5½	4.6	12.2
808½	663½	Nat West	866½	-21	4.2	13.0
663½	586	Royal Bk Scot	640½	..	3.8	13.8
1053½	681	Stand Chart	1004½	-9½	1.8	18.0
£164½	£164½	Wells Fargo	£164½	..	1.9	..
387¾	315½	Westpac	387¾	+9¼	3.8	
373½	284	Woolwich	289½	+1½	3.4	17.3

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
878½	717½	Bass	834	-4½	3.8	15.6
68½	43½	Bk for the Bdr	48½		4.8	..
285	142½	Burtonwood Brwy	157½	...	4.8	14.7
155½	123	City Centre Rest	123	-½	2.5	20.4
744½	596	Compass Grp	612	-6	1.8	22.5
305	250	Eldridge P 'A'	289½	+½	2.4	16.0
485	430	Fuller Sm 'A'	430		2.9	15.0
586	422½	Greenalls Grp	448	-1	4.4	11.1
770	642	Greene King	729		2.8	
237½	157½	Grosvenor Inns	158½	-1	4.8	15.3
285	218½	Groupe Chez Ger	261½	-1	1.4	25.7
290½	261	Hardy Hanson	268½	-1	5.2	11.8
2850	2700	Holt J	2762½		2.7	16.3
78	60½	Inn Business	64½	-1	3.2	10.2
357	302	Mansfield	337½		2.6	14.5
315½	252	Marston Thmpt	275		3.6	8.5
615	512½	Morland	517½	..	3.1	13.3
266½	210	Old Eng Pub	254½		1.0	32.8
47½	28½	Panmure	30			
820½	527½	PizzaExpress	651½		0.5	42.5
437½	337½	Ramsdens (H)	375		1.7	33.2
378½	282½	Regent Inns	264	...	1.2	25.2
768½	627	Scot & New	738	-9½	3.7	15.3
291½	248½	Vaux Group	283	-½	4.7	12.7
1382½	1165	Wetherspoon JD	1380	+2½	0.8	30.8
863	736½	Whitbread	854		3.5	15.7
706½	582	Wolverhampton D	585	...	3.8	12.7
531	419½	Yates Bros†	521½		1.0	27.9
702½	615	Young 'A'	697½		2.7	27.4

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
32½	17½	AMF Inds	17½	-1		
205	170	Abbey	205	+5	3.8	..

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
465½	387½	Electrocomponents	450¼	+1	2.1	25.4
226½	117½	Eurodis Elec	125	..	5.2	
97½	78½	European Mtr	90	+½	8.1	7.7
268	213	Evans Halshaw	227½	..	8.1	
53½	39½	Fife Indmar	39½		10.4	7.9
397½	317½	Frost Grp	318½		2.6	16.2
34½	25½	Gardiner	25½	-¼	4.8	9.2
79½	57½	Glenchewton	61½		2.7	12.0
110	82½	Gowrings	107½		3.5	24.4
15½	11	HR Owen	14		5.9	12.7
103	20½	Hasdel	22½	...		2.1
267½	232½	Heats (Philip)†	242½		5.2	9.4
320½	264½	Headlam	313½	+13	2.3	20.7
160	145	Holders Tech	160		5.1	12.9
248½	169½	ISA Intl	170	+½	2.2	13.2
308½	240½	Inchcape	286½	+½	4.6	17.5
72	49½	Jacks (Wm)	64½		4.4	10.0
291	214½	Kwik-Fit	291		2.4	20.9
412½	316½	Lex Service	409	-1	5.1	12.1
122	100	Lookers	106		8.7	7.4
9	5½	Middlesex	7	..	1.8	12.1
41½	10½	Midstates	17		3.5	3.5
472	180	Norbain†	248	+1½	4.3	
166½	114½	Northamber	127	-½	1.4	7.6
362½	305½	Partco	315		3.2	16.5
404½	303	Pendragon	305½		4.4	13.0
222½	177½	Perry Gp	178½	..	6.3	8.5
751	448	Premier Farnell	511½	-7	2.9	18.9
152½	124½	Quicks Group	132½	..	8.6	9.0
357	307½	REA†	347½		1.4	42.8
2½	1½	Reece	1½	-½	..	58.5
28	12½	Ronson	21	+2½	1.5	
4	1½	Ross Gp	2			
109½	78½	Ryland	86½		5.8	15.5
38	24	SEP Ind	28½	-½	6.6	13.5
52½	30	Sidlaw	31		4.8	
415½	284½	Time Products	289		5.2	11.0
337	238	UNECO†	315	-6	2.2	20.5
86½	58	United Carriers Gp	83	+½	..	18.0
382½	272½	Vardy (Reg)	372½		3.5	12.8
685	408½	WF Elect	625		3.1	
41	25½	Wilshaw	27½	+½	3.9	...
172½	111½	Wyko	129½	+3½	2.8	
154½	119½	Young (H)	145	+½	3.7	12.3

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
492½	327½	Antofagasta	427½	..	1.5	22.6
328	232	Ascot Hldgs	239		2.7	38.9
917	787½	Broken Hill	830	-2½	2.8	19.9
199	180½	BTR	185½	-1	6.3	8.2
601½	462	BAT	516	-3½	6.4	10.8
60½	52	Brierley Inv	56	+½	8.5	9.2
288	182	Cookson	232	+11½	4.8	14.3
229½	197½	Carclo†	197½	..	5.5	8.5
375½	255½	DCC	375		2.3	14.0
312½	243½	Galliford	275	+1	8.8	10.5
141	115½	Grampian Hdgt	125	-1½	6.1	10.9
140½	101½	Harrison Crsfd	106	-1	10.7	10.0
596½	423½	Hutch Whamp	598½	+9¼	1.7	24.8
430½	362	Imperial Tob	380	+8	6.6	7.6
505½	331	Jardine Math	418¼	+9¼	3.6	
158½	118½	Lonrho†	120½	-½	4.9	12.6
175½	141½	McLeod Russel	142½	...	6.0	11.3
457½	388½	Powell Duffryn	398½		7.8	11.4
197½	153½	Steel Eyt	174	-1	6.5	15.1
602½	448½	Swire Pacific	580	+26	2.4	
397½	327½	TT Group	345	+½	2.8	15.2
314½	252½	Tomkins	306½	-4	4.8	13.6
210	165	Unitech	205		7.9	10.6
498	405	Wardle Storeys	405		6.0	15.1
387½	287½	Wassall	387½	-1	2.6	17.6
166½	122½	Whitecroft	133½	+½	5.1	17.9
345½	294½	Williams	327	..	5.8	13.8

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
227½	106½	Six Hundred†	108½		5.6	2.5
832½	708½	Smiths Ind	803½	-8	2.6	19.5
737½	595	Spirax-Sarco	637½		2.9	16.6
300½	236½	Sterling Ind	242½	+2	5.2	11.8
594½	450	TI	544½	-24½	3.4	17.2
116½	101½	Tinsley (E)	113½	+1	7.0	...
120½	92½	Transtec	95½		3.1	13.6
206½	144½	Triplex Lloyd	187½	+2	5.2	12.7
222½	150½	Unicorn Intl	222½	..	3.5	...
77½	48½	Utd Inds	50		6.0	14.5
273½	160½	Vickers	192	-2	4.7	11.5
10½	8½	Villiers Grp	9	-½		...
712½	513	Vitec	513½	-1	2.9	9.3
952	743	Vosper Thornyt	743		4.4	12.0
350	213½	Wagon Ind	221		6.9	11.0
263½	203½	Weir	240		4.2	13.8
259½	210½	Wellington Hdg	210½	..	4.8	12.4
33	23	Welkish	29		8.4	8.7
81½	45½	Wescol	53	-½	2.6	17.8
683	525	Whatman	653		2.5	19.7
65½	30½	Widney	40		11.2	

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
140	97	Adwest	97	..	10.1	13.7
197	180	Airflow Stream	180		5.6	11.4
757	565	Avon Rubber	575	+8½	4.3	11.9
285	227½	Bostrom	275		3.2	11.4
107½	96	Britax	99½	+2	4.4	13.7
762	657½	First Tech	750	+7	1.8	
1079½	907	GKN	1072	-7½	3.1	
3725	3237½	General Mtr	3725	+75	3.3	
583½	416½	Hartys	428½		4.4	10.1
2051	1540½	Honda Motor	2038½	+36½	0.4	
413½	312½	Laird	355	+2	4.8	10.1
228	180	LucasVarity	188	+1	3.6	18.9
165½	131	Mayflower	152	+½	1.9	28.6
172½	127½	Syltone	143½		5.8	
179	137	T & N	142½	+½	5.3	
85½	32½	Teed	36½			
330½	238½	Trinity Hldgs†	270½		4.1	13.2

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
577	454	AB Food	531	-11	2.3	17.6
311½	271½	Acatos & Hutch	294		4.5	24.7
48½	34	Albert Fisher	44½	-½	10.6	10.5
330	275	Banks (S C)	301½	-1½	4.9	
414	332	Barr (AG)	401	-½	3.3	14.4
43	30	Banners Corp	33½		4.2	8.2
402	244	Booker	283½	+7	10.5	
45½	28½	Borthwicks	45		3.6	28.7
230	80	CPL Aromas	143	-2	4.6	38.2
606½	464	Cadbury-Schw	590½	+13½	3.6	16.2
335	280	Carrs Milling	298		4.8	9.4
81½	57½	Claughton	63½		7.6	10.9
287½	203½	Cranswick	248½		5.1	12.7
252½	195½	Dairy Crest Group†	250½		4.9	11.2
363½	217½	Dalgety	234½	+2½	11.7	20.5
52½	34	Daniels SW	35		0.9	28.2
391½	263½	Devro	391½	+½	2.7	38.4
123½	79½	Finlay (James)	106½	+½	4.3	15.9
316½	250	Geest	316½	+½	3.3	25.4

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
33	24	Edinburgh Inca	32½	+½	...	...
402	343½	Edinburgh IT	398	+1½	3.4	31.7
134	102½	Edin Japan	125½			
445	312	Edin US Tst	441	-1½	1.6	75.5
502	420½	Electra Invt	454	-1	2.5	42.5
279	86½	English Nat	266		0.2	
159	144½	Eng & Scot	157½	-½	2.4	41.0
406½	372	European Asset	398½	+½	1.2	
108½	90½	Fidelity Asian Val	107¼	+1¼		
275½	216½	Fidelity Euro Val	269½		0.2	..
50	36	Fidelity Jap Val	45			
138½	121½	Fidelity Spec Val	122½			
226½	205½	Flesbury 'A'	218½		2.2	59.5
214	162½	Five Arr Chile	204¼	-¼	1.5	

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
78	48½	INVESCO Blue	72	+½	14.6	8.5
198½	168½	INVESCO Eng Int	169	-1	0.9	70.4
60½	43½	INVESCO Jap Dis	56½	-½		
90½	72½	INVESCO Korea	82½			
47	35½	INVESCO Tokyo	44½			
110½	80½	J Fry 2nd U	108		8.6	14.7
133½	82½	J Fry Euro U	111½	+1	5.0	17.9
165½	119	JF Fledg Jap	150½			
110½	92½	Jupiter Ex Inc†	104½	+1½	9.4	10.3
14½	3½	Jupiter Ex Inc Wt	9½			
86	76½	Jupiter Grd Cap	85		11.5	10.5
38	31	Jupiter Grd Pfd	38			
139½	120½	Jupiter Intl Grn	139½		3.5	
378½	293	Klnwt Chart	378		2.0	56.4
117½	98½	Klnwt E Mkt	116½	+½		
170½	153½	Klnwt Eng	168	-1½		
103	74	Klnwt H Inc	97	-2½	13.1	10.3
357½	261	Klnwt O'seas	356½		1.4	68.7
188½	161½	Klnwt Smlr	162		2.8	43.3
387	264½	Korea—Euro	332½	-1½	0.4	
167½	98½	Latin American	167	+2½		
1129	902½	Law Debenture	1109	+1½	3.2	33.3
118½	103½	Ldn Oil Opp	116	-1½		
133	108½	Lloyds Sm Cap	112			
25½	17½	Lloyds Sm Dn	19½		26.0	4.9
158½	128	Lloyds Sm Pkg	132		3.9	
169½	129½	Low St Lawrence	169½		4.6	27.7
325½	292½	Lowland	294½	+1	4.9	22.9
735	635	M&G 2nd Dual Cp	727½	-2½		

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
44½	30	Mercury Eur Wt	44½	+½		
99½	83½	Mercury Wrld	87½		1.6	73.4
14	1½	Mercury Wld Wts	2½			
726½	603	Monks Inv Tst	725		1.7	58.7
180½	158½	Morg Gren Inc	163½	-½	4.7	26.0
74	59½	Morg Wts	66½			
99	69	Morg Lstn Amer	98½	+½	0.4	
38½	21½	Morg Wts	37½	+½		
130½	117½	Murray Ent	118½		3.2	34.6
21½	14½	Murray Ent Wts	15½			
95½	71	Murray Emg Eco	85	+½	0.6	
21½	14½	Murray Em Ec Wt	17	-½		
85	65½	Murray Euro	84½		0.7	
436	364	Murray Income	424½	+2½	4.3	31.0
463½	401½	Murray Intl	460½	+1½	3.6	32.4
201½	192½	Murray S/C DP	201½	+½		
245½	163½	Murray S/C Cap	242			
73½	57½	Murray S/C Inc	65		23.9	5.0
4050	3150	Murray S/C Uts	3950		3.9	..
485½	419	Murray Small	478½	+4½	1.5	...
411½	387	Murray Vent	410		4.5	22.9
5½	5½	Newmarket	5½			
458½	353½	O'seas Inv Tst	456	-½	1.0	..
358	156½	O'seas Wts	356			
126	97½	Pacific Assets	102	+¼	0.5	
120½	96	Perp-Arc Gth	117	...	3.9	...
55	41	Perpetual Jap	51½	+¼		
366½	294½	Perp UK Sm Co	295		4.1	26.4
£153½	£128½	Personal Assets	£152½	...	1.9	50.2
134½	113½	Prolific Inc	121¼	-½	4.8	27.8
271	229	RIT Cap Ptn	270½	+2	0.8	79.8
568½	475½	Robeco	533½	-1	2.0	
577½	497	Rolinco	540½	-1½	1.0	

LEISURE & HOTELS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
380½	272	Jurys Hotel†	369	-2½	2.1	
28	21½	Kunick	23		4.1	14.1
277	217½	Ladbroke	245½	-1	3.2	27.0
419	298½	London Clubs†	402½	-½	2.6	25.1
231	167½	Macdonald Htls†	167½		3.4	14.0
733½	572½	Man Utd	657	-1½	1.0	30.0
91	67½	Mandarin Orntl	72½	-½	5.3	
412½	347½	Millennium & Cop	347½	-2½	1.7	14.7
1½	1	Millwall Hldgs▲	1½			
144½	113½	Newcastle Utd	124	+3½	1.6	
280	191½	Northern	253½	-4½	2.6	22.6
188½	117½	Photo Leisure†	165	-1½	5.4	
38	28½	Queensborough	29		1.3	11.4
18½	12½	Queens Moat	14			9.3
458½	339	Rank Grp	345	-2½	6.2	27.4
53½	40½	Ryan Hotels (£)	50½	-1	4.4	10.6
1600	1375	Savoy Hotel 'A'	1387½	-7½	1.6	
111½	39½	Sheffield United	48½			
260½	184½	Sinclair (Wm)	225	-½	4.6	12.9
153½	47	Southampton	86½	-2½	1.4	
118½	95½	Stakis	101½	-½	2.8	16.0
330	249½	Stanley Leisure	292½		1.7	
11	4½	Tandem	4½	-½		
346	346	Tanyong	346		1.3	24.1
210	132	Thistle Hotels	139½	+½	3.3	13.6
142	91	Tottenham Hot	99½		0.9	17.1
115½	93½	Tus Options	101½		4.6	7.6
262½	194	VCI	194		5.0	9.8
127½	94	Vardon	109½	+1½	2.2	15.7

MEDIA

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
409½	307½	Border TV	368½		2.4	
528	435	Bucksl	445	-5	4.3	21.4
142½	100½	Brit Allcroft	102½	-1	2.0	17.5
666½	424	BSkyB	424	-7	1.5	29.4
188½	120½	CIA Gp	180½		1.6	39.1
590	475	Capital Radio	491	-15	3.3	16.2
577½	472½	Carlton Comm†	485½	-10	3.0	14.5
812½	512½	Chrysalis	565		0.6	
95½	69	City of Lon	84½		8.3	11.1
140	97½	Cordiant	131½		1.0	
1906½	1431½	Daily Mail	1871½		1.5	32.1
1816½	1331½	Daily Mail A	1784½	-9½	1.5	30.6
430	202½	Dorling Kind	307½	+1	2.7	17.5
831½	715½	EMAP†	779	-4	2.1	30.1
705	525	EMI	559	-24½	3.2	40.5
1122½	913½	Elsevier	1091½	+5½	2.1	
1600	1400	Euromoney Pb	1600		3.9	20.0
49	37	Fitch	45½		1.1	12.5
803½	502½	Flextech	654	-2		
232½	207½	GGT Group	207½		3.8	
232½	167½	GWR Grp	172½		2.0	28.1
387½	300½	Gearhouse Group	327½	-15	2.3	18.3
34½	24½	Goodhead	33		0.9	28.1
319½	243½	Grampian	314½		2.9	21.2
345	254	HIT Enter▲	300	-5	0.2	44.5
416	277½	HTV Group	414	+½	1.3	49.6
287½	207½	Haynes Pub	242½	+10	5.6	17.1
22½	6½	Highbury Hse	7	+½		
230	185	Hodder H'line	185		4.4	14.0
285	243	Home Counties	252½		2.7	52.9
384½	295	IBC	380½		3.1	13.7
26½	18½	Incepta	20	+½		21.5

OTHER FINANCIAL

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
7430	1125	Henderson	1297½	+5	4.3	19.1
115	94½	Investment Co†	100		3.8	..
257½	211½	Ivory Sime	212		5.5	14.6
243	197½	Jardine Strat	223½	+1½	4.0	
155½	112½	Johnson Fry	143		3.5	9.0
600	465	Leopold J	600	...	4.3	23.9
529½	429½	Liberty Intl	521½		3.8	32.3
437½	299½	Lon Forfaiting	410	+1	3.8	15.2
229½	197½	London Pacific	208		8.5	6.2
111½	85½	Lon Scot Bk	88		4.4	15.4
217½	170½	Man ED & Ft	195	+½	6.9	9.0
1467½	1097½	M & G	1175	-32½	3.8	19.3
1469	1172½	MAM	1394	+25½	4.0	23.2
178½	113½	Paragon†	164	...	1.9	7.2
2825	2280	Perpetual	2585	-15	3.3	18.4
636½	500	Provident	593½	-1	3.5	20.3
337	303	Rathbone Brs	319	+8½	4.5	12.8
60½	39½	Rea Brothers	40½		3.1	16.2
64½	53	Rutland Tst	55½		3.2	14.2
157½	99½	SEC Group	114½		5.5	8.1
445	302	S & U	328		6.8	8.3
1848½	1500	Schroders	1835	+12½	1.4	19.9
1830	1310	Schroders N/V	1585	+2½	1.6	17.3
630	522½	Secure Tst	587½	..	4.3	13.3
162½	127½	Singer & Fried	141½	+½	4.1	12.2
46½	29½	Towry Law	38			
4	2½	Trio Hldgs	3	...		
106½	71	Union	75		2.5	
397½	310	Wintrust	387½		4.8	

PHARMACEUTICALS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
285	152½	Brit Biotech	156½	-1		
1115	610	Cantab Pharms	682½			
673	247½	Celltech	286½			
443½	225½	Chiroscience	228	-1½	...	..
253½	180	Cortecs	164	-8		
1418½	885½	Glaxo Well	1291½	-38	3.2	38.2
245	146½	ML Laboratories	147½			27.4
330½	201	Medeva†	295	+5	2.8	38.5
403	229½	Peptide Thera	394			
202½	190½	Powderject	181½	...	..	...
92	24½	Proteus Intl	42½			
737½	272½	Scotia	289			
246	216	Shire Pharms	241½			
95	64½	SkyePharma	71½			
1262½	768½	SmithKlineBeecham†	1189½	-28	1.7	29.7
392	289½	Therap Anti Inc	310			
707½	397½	Vanguard	400	...	...	...
425	210	Xenova	265	+4		
2281	1585½	Zeneca	2021	-7	2.2	26.6

PRINTING & PAPER

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
142	112	AG Holdings	112		6.7	9.6
782	630	API	632½		2.3	19.2
65	47½	App Hold	57½			
202	151	Arjo Wiggins	163	-1½	5.8	18.7
24	17½	Bath Press	22½		2.9	9.8
450½	369½	Bemrose	371½	+2	5.1	9.8
229½	130	Blagden	138½	+1	2.3	9.6
3184½	2178½	Bowater Inc	3184½	+53½		
327½	252½	Bowater Ind	273½	+5	1.4	19.8
745	456½	Br Polythene	456½	-2	5.0	9.7
24½	14½	Br Thornton	14½	-1		
148	49	Brillon Grp	58½	..	7.1	5.6
234	188	Bunzl	192½	+1	4.1	11.8
233½	151½	Capital Inds	162½	..	4.7	13.8
388½	287½	Cropper (James)†	292½	-11½	2.0	8.1
873½	323	De La Rue†	374	+7½	8.0	9.4
257½	195½	Dolphin Pack	232½		3.8	16.2
75½	35½	Fairway Group	37½	+2	13.9	11.1
238	153	Ferguson Intl	153		10.8	9.3
165½	134	Filofax	140½		3.3	10.1
134	77½	Inveresk	79		8.2	30.3
248½	177½	Jarvis Porter	181		5.1	12.8
452	285	Low & Bonar	214	+½	8.8	6.3
128½	73½	MY Holdings	73½	-1½	4.3	10.3
198½	154½	Macfarlane	156		3.3	14.0
167½	88½	Nobo Gp	138½	+1	5.6	10.3
575	408½	Photobition	565	+10	1.6	

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
200½	121	MFI	145	+3	4.2	16.4
600½	458½	Marks Spencer†	599	+12½	2.8	23.0
645	418	Menzies (John)	419		4.2	13.2
27½	22½	Merchant Retail	25½	+½	1.2	17.6
287	231	Moss Bros	235½	+½	2.5	18.4
780	523½	Next	759½	+22	2.5	24.6
42	27½	Owen (G)	34½	-½		
535	467	Ottakar's	480	..	3.3	
75½	69½	Partridge Fine	75		5.5	13.3
47½	28½	QS Hldgs	33½			
337½	256½	Rosebys	285		3.4	15.5
142½	52½	Sale Group	56		15.8	4.4
85½	61½	Sears	62	-1	8.0	15.2
38½	28½	Signet Group	32½	+½	...	11.2
404½	330½	Smith WH	374	+10½	6.2	
1110	918	Sotheby's	1017½	+5	2.4	
305½	184	Storehouse†	216	-4½	4.7	13.4
150	107	Stylo	130		4.6	32.8
202½	152½	T & S Stores	168½		5.7	10.0
288½	148	Thorn	168½	-1½	9.9	11.0
203½	137½	Tie Rack	140½		3.0	13.4
340	205½	UNO†	280	+2	2.0	
4	3	Upton & South	3			14.2
543½	436½	Vendome†	451½	+3½	2.9	16.9
26	4½	WEW Group	4½			3.8
417½	132½	Wickes	169½			
313½	232½	Wyevale	272½	-2½	2.8	19.6

SUPPORT SERVICES

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
525	386	AEA Tech†	433	...	2.4	21.8
114	93½	Alpha Airpts	93½	-1	7.0	11.2
48	34½	Alphameric	40½	-½		20.0
58	29½	Amey Gp	33			..
387½	254	Atkins WS†	282½		3.1	...
188½	112½	BNB Res	112½	-1	8.4	5.5
457½	394½	BPP	417½		3.9	18.3
182½	95	BSM	96½	-1	9.8	7.3
699	418	BTG†	650	+5	0.2	
89½	69½	Brooks Service	83½		5.2	12.7
510	432	Business Post	446½	+5½	2.9	21.3
1500	840	CMG	1397½		8.5	51.1
250½	222½	CRT Gp	225½	-2	2.4	
805	590	Capita Gp	657½		1.5	6.4
275½	161½	Capita Group	248½	..	0.9	45.7
9	6½	Chemex	6½		3.0	11.9
468	308	Chubb Sec	454		2.4	22.1
236	172½	Corp Services	181		3.5	15.2
58½	27½	Coutts Consltg	36½		7.9	11.7
346	217½	DCS Gp	252½	+5	0.7	20.6
272½	232½	Davis Service	267½		4.8	14.8
910	685	Delphi	687½		1.1	30.8
390	280	Diagonal	332½	..		43.2
252	170	Dudley Jenkins	226½		2.7	18.3
79½	37	EW Fact	44		5.7	7.0
100	57½	El Data Prct	64½		4.3	13.7
602	479	FI Group†	537½		1.2	
593	515	Hays	568½	-6	1.9	23.6
313½	194½	Hogg Robinson†	222		5.5	10.9
1005	530	JBA Hldgs	840		0.8	44.7
295	221½	Johnson Clean	235	-2	6.3	9.6
114½	60	Kalamazoo	72½		7.3	10.6
647	521½	Kewill Syst	645		1.9	15.9
37½	16½	Laser-Scan	17½			38.6
278½	156½	Lavendon	240	-2½	1.8	18.5
139½	105½	Leigh	117½		4.3	16.4
1067½	687½	Logica	750	+60	1.4	26.3
425	312½	Lorien†	326	-1½	2.9	48.3
115½	77	Lynx Hldgs†	79½		2.8	13.1
62	20	MDIS	31½	+½		
632	415	MMT Comp	450		2.7	18.1
304½	85	MR Group	94½		4.8	16.7
492½	330	Macro 4	330	-2½	9.4	9.1

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
323½	231½	Christies Intl	283½	-1½	2.1	22.2
550	415	Church	416		4.7	13.1
86½	59½	Clinton Cards	83½		3.1	13.1
132½	85	City Centre	131	+5½	1.6	
590	517½	Courts Furnish	553½		0.9	21.6
666	502½	DFS Furniture	577½		2.3	28.4
622½	482	Dixons Grp†	601½	+12	2.2	20.4
38½	19½	Eliz Boutique	36½	+1		
6	3½	ERA Gp	4½	-½	2.9	
103½	59½	Essex Furn	73½	+2	6.1	14.9
137	102½	Etam	102½		1.5	
313½	237½	Fine Art Dev	279		7.4	11.9
226½	112½	Fired Earth	226½		1.3	25.6
398	177½	Flying Flw Uls	380½		1.3	26.0
149½	70½	Foramoste	115	-½	2.8	
345	267	French Conn	305		1.1	16.7
83½	48½	Gamos	48		3.8	
404½	324½	Goldsmiths Gp	338		2.8	17.7
706½	570	GUS	628	+4½	3.7	16.5
313½	231½	H&C Furnishing	253½	-½	3.0	
401½	238	Hamleys	281½		4.0	14.2
87½	59½	Hampden Grp	71	+1½	4.2	9.6
187½	136	Hse of Fraser	187	+6½	3.7	
98½	70½	Hughes (T.J)	87		4.2	14.2
532	288	JJB Sports	478½	-4	1.2	31.6
763	622½	Kingfisher	720	+17½	3.3	17.3
309½	117	Kingsbury Grp	132½		3.5	10.1
387½	327½	Liberty	327½		0.7	
200	49½	Limelight	70			37.6

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
501	344½	Wessex	481½	+10½	4.6	9.4
465½	325	Yorkshire†	448	-½	5.2	9.5

ALTERNATIVE INV MARKET

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
115½	84½	Abacus Recruit	109½	...	0.6	21.2
215	170	Cale Intn	184	+1½	2.1	17.0
230	153½	Country Gdns	176	-½	1.1	16.3
262½	180	Dawson Hldgs	212½		2.8	20.5
51½	34½	Freepages	34½	-½		
98½	75	Megalomedia†	82	+4½	0.3	
65	22½	Memory Corp	28½	+2		
590	280	Prism Rail	325			
1265	945	Ramco Egy	1090	-27½	0.1	
783	619½	Southern News	748		3.1	24.2
72½	65½	Southern Vectis	69½		3.9	
510	410	Surrey Fr Inns	462½	+16	0.8	..
80½	17½	Toccidon†	25	-1	..	

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BRITISH FUNDS

1997 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
100	100	Treas 7% 1997	100 †		7.00	
101½	100½	Treas 8¾% 1997	100½		8.74	6.60
106	101	Exch 15% 1997	101	-	14.73	6.66
103¼	101	Exch 9¾% 1998	101	-	9.63	6.95
101	100	Treas 7¼% 1998	100	-	7.24	7.03
110	105	Treas 14% 1998-01	105	-	13.29	7.11
114	109	Treas 15½% 1998	109	-	14.30	7.02
106	105	Exch 12% 1998	105		11.33	7.09
105	103	Treas 9½% 1999	103	-	9.20	7.10
111	107	Exch 12¼% 1999	107	-	11.36	7.09
108	105	Treas 10½% 1999	105	-	9.94	6.98
99	96	Treas 6% 1999	98 †	-	6.11	7.07
118	106	Conv 10¼% 1999	106	-	9.62	7.09
107	104	Conv 9% 2000	104	-	8.62	7.10
104	102	Treas 8% 2000	102	-	7.78	7.08
119	115	Treas 13% 2000	115	-	11.36	7.11
112	98	Treas 10% 2001	108	-	9.18	6.90
101	98	Treas 7% 2001	99	-	7.01	7.04
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
101	97	Treas 7% 2002	99	-	7.00	7.06
122	109	Treas 9¾% 2002	111	-	8.77	7.09
105	102	Treas 8% 2003	104		7.65	7.10
116	111	Treas 10% 2003	114	-	8.76	7.08
116	113	Treas 11½% 2001-04	113	-	10.11	7.10
87	82	Fund 3½% 1999-04	86	-	4.03	7.04
114	109	Conv 9½% 2004	113	-	8.35	7.04
99	94	Treas 6¾% 2004	98	-	6.85	6.99
109	104	Treas 8½% 2005	109	-	7.79	7.03
122	110	Conv 9½% 2005	114	-	8.31	7.03
129	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	126	-	9.85	7.02
103	98	Treas 7½% 2006	103	-	7.26	5.86
107	99	Treas 7¾% 2006	104	-	7.40	7.02
104	100	Treas 8% 2002-06	103	-	7.73	7.01
123	115	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	120	-	9.74	7.12
111	105	Treas 8½% 2007	110	-	7.70	7.04
102	96	Treas 7¼% 2007	102	-	7.10	6.95
116	108	Treas 9% 2008	115	-	7.79	6.97
108	101	Treas 8% 2009	108	-	7.39	6.97
LONGS (over 15 years)						
95	86	Treas 6¼% 2010	93	-	6.67	6.97
118	109	Conv 9% 2011	117	-	7.64	6.89
118	109	Treas 9% 2012	118	-	7.58	6.97
89	80	Treas 5½% 2008-12	88	-	6.20	6.97
110	100	Treas 8% 2013	110	-	7.27	6.85
107	98	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	106	-	7.24	6.94
111	101	Treas 8% 2015	111	-	7.18	6.70
120	103	Treas 8¾% 2017	119	-	7.32	6.97
113	101	Tr 8% 2021	113	-	7.06	6.93
UNDATED						
50	43	War Ln 3½%	50	-	6.92	...
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Hot beats best heard under a duvet of mud

NEW ALBUMS: ***David Sinclair*** hears Dreadzone, laid-back heroes of summer festivals, come unstuck in the warm and dry

The relaxed bonhomie that produces that all-important feelgood factor on stage becomes a trifle woolly on disc for Dreadzone

DREADZONE
Biological Radio
(Virgin 7243 8 44408, £13.99)

IF THERE is one group that can legitimately claim to have captured the sound of the modern British summer it is Dreadzone. Having already appeared at more festivals than any other act this year, they have perfected a balmy mixture of reggae and techno bathed in a warm glow of wholemeal spirituality that is the perfect palliative for ears buffeted by extremes of rock'n'roll grandstanding and feet suffering from muddy boot syndrome.

But the air of relaxed bonhomie that produces that all-important feelgood factor on stage can sound a trifle woolly on disc, and there are several meandering instrumental tracks towards the end of *Biological Radio*, with ominously vague titles such as *Heat the Pot* and *Dream Within a Dream*, that are little more than extended waffles. Elsewhere, on songs including *The Lost Tribe* and *Earth Angel*, they explore their mung-bean philosophy ("I believe in love/I believe in evolution") with good-natured enthusiasm and plenty of clattering, world music percussion.

But with so little substance, and nothing to match the sprightly tunefulness of last year's hit, *Little Britain*, the album's appeal is likely to prove more of a holiday romance than a long-lasting affair.

SON VOLT
Straightaways
(Warner Bros. 9362-46518 £15.49)

THE chorus of critical acclaim that greeted Wilco's album *Being There* earlier this year ("The new *Exile On Main St*" — Everyone) has naturally turned the spotlight in the direction of *Straightaways* by Son Volt, the "other" group to emerge from the ashes of the influential but unsung Illinois band Uncle Tupelo.

If the resulting glare proves, at times, to be a little too searching for comfort, then that is because the songs of Son Volt's singer and leader Jay Farrar do not have quite the same breadth of vision or obvious sense of mission as those written by his former Uncle Tupelo partner Jeff Tweedy for the Wilco album.

But what Farrar has got instead is a classic country-rock voice, which he applies to a fund of wonderfully crafted songs squarely located in an American roots music tradition that stretches from Gram Parsons to the Jayhawks.

"From Memphis to New Orleans/In and out of railroad dreams/You're out there it seems, passing by," Farrar sings in *Creosote*, a slow, lilting song effortlessly graced with mournful pedal steel and cascading acoustic guitar breaks. With fiddle, banjo and harmonica augmenting the unplugged, guitar-band sound, the album embraces good-natured, down-the-line rockers (*Caryatid Easy*, *Picking up the Signal*) alongside darker spiritual laments such as *Been Set Free*, with an old-fashioned air of authority that is rare among artists of his relatively youthful vintage.

D*NOTE
*D*Note*
(VC Recordings 7243 8 44528 £11.49)

THERE is a generation of master musicians now emerging in Britain that would doubtless have ended up playing straight jazz or fusion had they not spent their formative years immersed in the sounds and social life of the dance/club/rave scene. Instead, players and producers such as Roni Size of Reprazent and Tom Jenkinson of Squarepusher have gravitated towards drum and bass, a form of musical minimalism that offers virtually unlimited scope for spectacular displays of rhythmic ingenuity.

About a decade older than Size and Jenkinson, Matt Winn of D*Note is another of this breed, but one with a more rounded musical portfolio. On his third album, he combines "proper" piano and flute playing with the fleet percussive undercurrents and ambient pauses of drum and bass to stunning effect. The svelte soul-jazz singing of P.Y. Anderson, who features on four of the nine tracks, is the icing on the cake. Her performance on the single, *Waiting Hopefully*, is a particular treat, and the arrangement, which allows the shuffling instrumental accompaniment simply to melt away when the chorus arrives — a complete reversal of normal procedure — is typical of this album's understated, intelligent and sophisticated charm.

JAM & SPOON
Kaleidoscope
(Epic 487262 £15.99)

IN THESE days, when bits of various musical genres are routinely mixed and matched like pizza toppings, what separates great artists from the dilettantes is the strength of commitment to their particular groove.

The German production duo of Jam El Mar and Mark Spoon, best known in this country for their dance hit *Right in the Night (Fall in Love with Music)*, display a shamelessly opportunistic approach on *Kaleidoscope*, flitting aimlessly from track to completely different track with no rhyme, reason or underlying logic to bind the enterprise together.

There is a portentous guitar-driven piece called *Garden of Eden* unmistakably modelled on Pink Floyd's *Shine on You Crazy Diamond*; a naff blast of Europop called *Kiss Away* featuring Plavka, their girl-singer in part-time residence; a techno-by-the-yard stomp rejoicing in the title *Warm Dead Dog*; a piece of flamenco nonsense (*El Baile*); and a sinister sliding bass-synth and ricocheting drum groove called *Usual Suspect* that is actually quite good.

No one doubts their credentials as hot-shot producers, but their lack of a core musical philosophy makes it all ring a bit hollow.

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TOP TEN ALBUMS

1	(1)	**The Fat of the Land**	Prodigy (XL Recordings)
2	(8)	**White on Blonde**	Texas (Mercury)
3	(2)	**Spice**	Spice Girls (Virgin)
4	(3)	**OK Computer**	Radiohead (OK Computer)
5	(4)	**The Best of**	Michael Jackson & Jackson 5 (Polygram TV)
6	(11)	**Sheryl Crow**	Sheryl Crow (A&M)
7	(12)	**Do it Yourself**	Seahorses (Geffen)
8	(5)	**Come Find Yourself**	Fun Lovin' Criminals (Chrysalis)
9	(7)	**Heavy Soul**	Paul Weller (Island)
10	(30)	**No Way Out**	Puff Daddy & the Family (Puff Daddy)

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Global warming

JAZZ ALBUMS

CELEA, LIEBMAN, REISINGER
World View
(Label Bleu
LBLC 6592 HM 83)

A "MAGICAL maiden voyage for three open souls with mutual respect" is American saxophonist David Liebman's description of this free-flowing, gutsy album, recorded in France, but containing music drawn from a rich variety of sources: free jazz, world music, fusion and others.

All three participants have appropriately versatile musical pasts — French bassist Jean-Paul Celea has worked with everyone from Pierre Boulez to John McLaughlin; Liebman with Miles Davis, Elvin Jones and his own wide-ranging rock and jazz bands; drummer Wolfgang Reisinger with the embodiment of arty European eclecticism, the Vienna Art Orchestra — and they exploit all their experience in 12 three-way musical conversations ranging from collectively improvised pieces through tumbling, punchily informal workouts to scrabbling free-form jams. Fresh, passionate, open-eared, this is world music in the best sense of the term.

ENRICO RAVA QUARTET
Animals
(Inak 8801 CD)

RECORDED in 1987 in Milan, this CD reissue catches Italian trumpeter Enrico Rava, guitarist Augusto Mancinelli, bassist Furio Di Castri and drummer Mauro Beggio on eight in-house originals that could all be roughly described as fusion (courtesy chiefly of Mancinelli's cascading, hard-edged runs and Beggio's thunderous attack).

Rava is, however, too mercurial a performer to fit easily into such a rigid category: the elegantly funky title track could almost be an out-take from an early 1970s Miles Davis album, but elsewhere, he rings the changes with stately ballads, hurtling neo-bop and tumbling blues. A typically intelligent album.

CHRIS PARKER

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She still needs some body

Shola Ama
Jazz Café, NW1

If we take the showbiz story at face value, then had Shola Ama not been humming to herself while waiting at Hammersmith Tube station for a train to Heathrow, she might never have reached the arrivals lounge of the British charts.

As it is, her vocal doodlings were overheard by Kwame, from the British soul collective D-Influence, and pen was soon put to paper. The 18-year-old ingenue recently completed a three-month run in the bestsellers with a confident remake of the Randy Crawford hit *You Might Need Somebody*, selling a spectacular 350,000 copies.

With a follow-up single, *You're the One I Love*, out soon and her debut album around the next corner, Ama is at a pivotal moment in her fledgeling career. Down one road lies international acclaim and a place in the vanguard of British rhythm & blues. Straying down the other could see her trapped in a cul de sac, cluttered with the dim memories of previous British soul hopefuls such as David Grant and Kenny Thomas.

In recent months Ama has paid some stage dues as the opening act for 3T and the Fugees, and appearing at festivals. All the same, this London date felt like a debut of sorts and the place was chockfull, although the buzz of chatter that continued after she began suggested this was as much a gig to be seen at as one to listen to.

Kwame's pontificating introductory speech seemed to load the dice of expectation, and Ama cut a meek figure at the top of the show, tiptoeing into tracks from that forthcoming album, *Much Love*, such as *We got a Vibe* and the title song. Her wide-eyed eagerness to impress had one rooting for a more authoritative performance, perhaps an unreasonable request of one so young. She will come to know that true soulfulness is about more than the frequent repetition of the word "baby".

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Some of her material, most of which she writes or co-writes, has the groove to survive in the domestic R&B climate, but her lyrics are almost all bald retreads of emotional conceits that had already gone around the clock in soul's heyday. *Who's Loving My Baby* was a stylish exception, and the new single lent a little more muscle before *You Might Need Somebody*, saved for last, brought the loudest cheer of the night.

PAUL SEXTON

Rhythms of a quieter age

Huw Warren
Vortex, N16

A HOT, airless night in north London, filled with the sounds of passing police sirens and the street, was the unlikely setting for the first performance of pianist Huw Warren's new suite for string trio and jazz septet, *A Barrel Organ (Far From Home)*.

Each of the sections of the piece is inspired by a photograph of town or country life more than half a century ago, and in an intriguing blend of folk, jazz and contemporary composition each brings these blurry images of a quieter age vividly to life. The opening part set a melancholy tone that persisted through much of the evening, with the strings providing a gloomy backdrop to the clarinet of Pete Whyman and the flageolet of Steve Buckley.

Throughout the suite such reflective sections were alternated with jaunty, angular melodies, redolent of barrel organ themes, and, over the course of two sets, all equally unmemorable. In *Whistling Rufus* (not the ragtime tune of the same name) there was too little development of the underlying idea, throwing all the emphasis onto Warren's soloists.

Fortunately, he was well served by his musicians, notably by saxophonist Julian Argüelles and drummer Martin France, both late additions to the line-up, but capable of providing a strong enough personal stamp to enliven the improvisational sections that fell between the cheerful tunes and mournful contemplations. Argüelles produced his strongest playing in *The Knocker-Upper*, a portrait of a Limehouse character who used a pea-shooter to wake the sleeping denizens of the area as dawn broke and the gaslights guttered out. Against some of Warren's strongest writing, Argüelles blistered through free and composed sections alike, leaving Whyman's swirling clarinet in his wake.

The most outstanding player of the evening was Warren himself, contorting himself into knots as he scurried over the keyboard, constantly adding invention, surprise and interest as he cheerfully spurred his musicians on. The breadth of his playing experience, from groups like Perfect Houseplants and Billy Jenkins's Voice of God Collective to accompanying singers June Tabor and Christine Tobin, has stood him in good stead as band leader and composer, and this material should help to consolidate his reputation when it appears on CD later in the year.

ALYN SHIPTON

Learning fun on the A-level train

Echoes of Ellington Orch
100 Club, W1

The name suggests something demure, elegiac and, well, museum-like. Do not be deceived. Peter Long's genial repertory band, the Echoes of Ellington Orchestra, certainly does not skimp on the authenticity on, say, *Rockin' in Rhythm*, but neither does it treat Duke Ellington's music as a dust-covered artefact of interest only to drinkers of warm beer and collectors of well-worn 78s.

We will always have the records to cling to, of course, and in recent years there has been an outpouring of books that shed more light on the musician dubbed "the hot Bach". Some of the scholarly attention, in fact, threatens to become excessively solemn and reverential, as if Ellington really did learn his craft in Köthen rather than the Cotton Club.

Long and his hard-blowing colleagues provide an important service by adding a whiff of perspiration and humour to the Ellington industry. They remind us that the bandleader who devoted so much of his energy to suites and sacred concerts had one foot in the entertainment industry. The musician who wrote the concert piece *Black Brown and Beige* also turned out the catchy melody of *Satin Doll*.

The presence of *Happy Go Lucky Local* in the opening set summed up the mood. Lifted from the *Deep South Suite*, its shuffle beat hints at the visceral momentum of early rhythm and blues; in later years, it was subtly transformed into *Night Train*, that perennial favourite of both soul brother James Brown and boxer Sonny Liston.

Having heard Wynton Marsalis's Lincoln Centre Orchestra cover much the same ground, it was fascinating to see how well Long's musicians coped with what is presumably a much more slender budget. The piece brought out some of the grandstanding tendencies in the orchestra, dog-whistle notes flying in all directions from a trumpet section which featured the admirable Bruce Adams in full Cat Anderson mode.

Long imposed greater discipline on Billy Strayhorn's melody, *Snibor*, the saxophones supplying the darker textures on cue. Strayhorn's most famous contribution to the songbook, *Take the A Train*, is one of those warhorses that most people would gladly do without, having heard it played so many times down the years. This, however, was a refurbished arrangement, with the extended piano introduction seamlessly moving into a higher gear from a sprightly waltz opening.

The band's vocalist, Patti Revell, overcame the unsympathetic amplification to exchange sultry banter with the rest of the musicians, temporarily transformed into the self-styled Revelltones. Altoist Peter Ripper regularly bobbed into view with elegant approximations of Johnny Hodges, while Ray Gelato, a latter-day Louis Prima, made a guest appearance later, reinforcing the band's populist credentials. The recipe is served up with a flourish on the new live album, *Rockin' in Ronnie's* (Jazz House).

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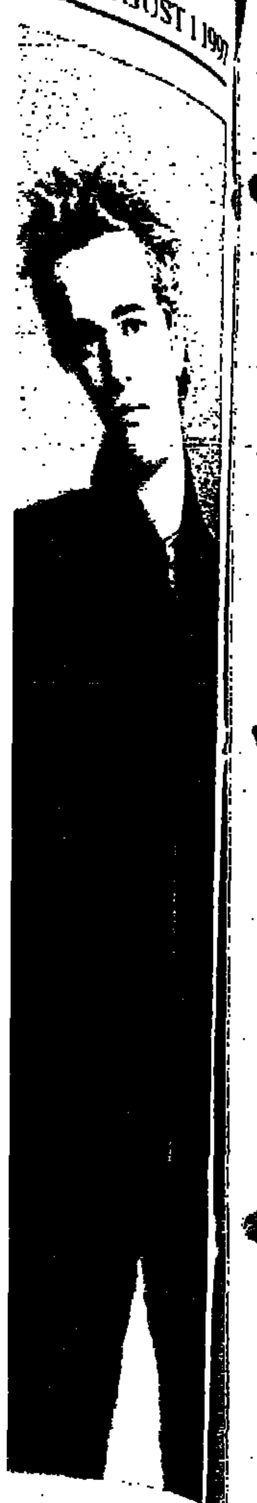

Nigel Williamson meets those block-rockin' Chemical Brothers, unlikely rulers of the pop charts

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DES JENSON

"What we play has a greater degree of musical performance than a lot of rock bands," says Ed Simons (left, with fellow Chemical Tom Rowlands)

You can take your pick when describing the music of the Chemical Brothers. *The Face* called it "psychedelic hip hop trance-melt space-bombed electro techno rock'n'roll with extra superfly funk". Elsewhere, the more succinct "big beats" has become the accepted currency. The title of their most recent chart-topping single, *Block Rockin' Beats*, conveyed the idea equally well, a driving, electronic dance sound with more beats per minute than you can count and decibel levels to make your brains dribble. Dance acts such as the Chemical Brothers have restored the musical generation gap and resurrected the parental war-cry of "Turn that noise down". You're only as old as the Chemicals make you feel.

In the past 12 months they have moved from underground cult club DJs to international stardom. Together with the Prodigy they epitomise the triumph of dance culture, a ten-year takeover that began with acid house. This year the Chemicals became the first British dance act to sell a million in America with their album *Dig Your Own Hole*. The Prodigy's *Fat of the Land* followed, crashing into the American album charts in pole position, and both albums are on the shortlist for the prestigious Mercury Music Prize. At last there is a homegrown sound to rival Britpop, and it came as no surprise when Noel Gallagher lent his voice to the Chemicals' first No 1 single, *Setting Sun*.

But despite their success, Ed Simons and Tom Rowlands, the non-siblings who make up the Chemical Brothers, remain largely anonymous. We had arranged to meet in their local pub in Notting Hill and Simons, who looks more likely to sell you a life insurance policy than a block rockin' beat, was already there. I sat at the next table without realising who he was and the introductions were only made with the arrival of Rowlands, unmistakable with his Rick Wakeman-style long blond hair. Fortunately there is no rock star attitude about either of them. "We haven't got huge egos," Simons says. "We are what we are, nice middle-class kids."

The early part of the Chemicals' story is hardly the stuff of which rock'n'roll legends are made — they met in 1989 when medieval history *students at Manchester University*. But before long they were being inspired more by hip hop and acid house than Beowulf and the Bede, and began DJ-ing around Manchester and making their own records.

"We were bored, and so I created a little electronic studio in my bedroom," Rowlands says. "We made *Song to the Siren*, and it was different from anything else around. DJs started playing it at techno clubs and it would wake up the night."

Although they have now made the crossover, the idea that dance is a superior underground culture far removed from the traditional rock industry continues to sustain the Chemicals' world view. "Dance cuts through the machinations of the industry. In pop and rock you have to negotiate with this huge infrastructure," Simons says. "In dance music you give the single to a DJ and he plays it in the clubs. That is all you need. Major labels sign dance acts from hearing a demo, and that just doesn't work. You have to build from the roots: good club DJs are not going to play records sent to them by Sony or Virgin."

Yet by 1995 the Chemicals had themselves signed to Virgin and their first album *Exit Planet Dust* (a reference to their origins as the Dust Brothers, a name lost in a legal wrangle with a similarly titled Amer*ican act) sold more than 200,000* copies. *Setting Sun* followed, and the conquest was completed this summer with *Dig Your Own Hole*.

Although the beat is uncompromisingly loud and booming, attentive listening reveals a range of influences which help to explain the breadth of their appeal. "We are into the power of the sound," Simons says, "but it is a shame if people only hear the drums because there is a lot of other complicated stuff there as well."

One element which has made the Chemicals accessible to rock as well as dance audiences is their love affair with 1960s psychedelia, particularly the Beatles of *Tomorrow Never Knows* vintage. "They were people with limited technology really pushing the boundaries," Rowlands says. "We wanted to push on from that, and loud, disorientating acid house music seemed a natural progression. There is a spirit of adventure because *the club audience is receptive*. You can do almost anything on the dance floor."

The Chemical Brothers have also become a hugely popular live act. To those brought up on guitars and *drums, it can be a dis*concerting experience — at Glastonbury Simons and Rowlands were almost invisible behind their banks of electronics. *If every beat is* computerised, sequenced, pre-set and pre-tuned, aren't they really nothing more than glorified knob-twiddlers? "In electronic music you have a computer and you write into the sequencer what notes to play," Rowlands says. "So we have the component sounds in our samplers, but then we have the desk where we mix the sounds and then we decide what plays when and where."

> ❛ It is a shame if people only hear the drums ❜

This still sounds like an ersatz form to me, but Rowlands insists that their performances are heavily improvised. "The last album came out of us *playing* live. You get a beat and then you start playing around with it through a drum pad on the sequencer. It is like jamming, and it is so flexible — we don't have to go to the verse here or the chorus there. If we get *something* we like and the audience is into it we just go on. It's really exciting."

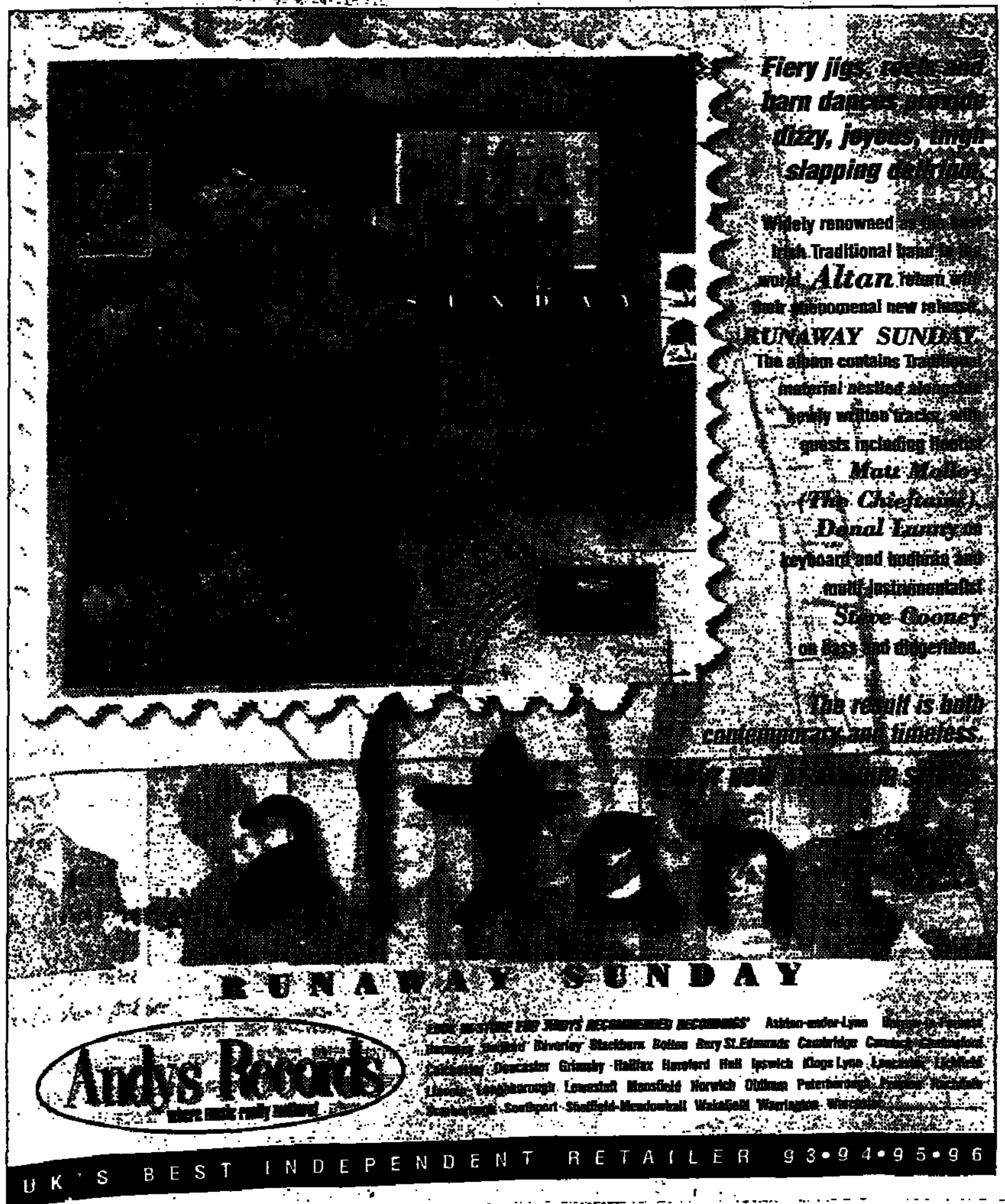
Simons is also annoyed by those who fail *to understand* electronic music's creativity. "We know when we have done a good gig, but then we read a review which says yes, great sound, but it's not real music. It is a lot freer and less rigid than a band that rehearses for two months before going out on the road. What we play has a greater degree of musical performance than a lot of rock bands."

The defence is spirited and eloquent, but surely dance music and its samples remains essentially a parasitic art form? "Parasitic is not an insult," Simons says. "If you came to our studio the main thing you would see is other music, thousands of records. That is our starting point, using sounds not in a parasitical way but in a complicated, artistic way, morphing them to our own needs."

We move on to another difficult subject — the central role of drugs in dance music. The very name of the band seems to imply the link, but Simons is matter-of-fact. "The music is not aimed at drugged-up dance *floors, but that is one of the surround*ings in which it works. This is life-affirming music."

We part as the photographer takes them off to London's Westway in search of some gritty urban realism for a backdrop. It seems appropriate, given that the title of the current album was inspired by a piece of graffiti on a wall. "But we've now found a poem by Yoko Ono called *Dig Your Own Hole*," Simons says. "Do you think we'd get more credibility if we said it came from there?"

● Elektrobank, *the Chemical Brothers' new single, is released on Virgin/Freestyle Dust on August 18. The band plays the V97 Festival in Chelmsford on August 16 and Leeds on August 17*



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The result is both contemporary and timeless.

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Is it like that? Is it bobbins. You *fly* out, meet a homesick and hungover group of musicians who grill you for three hours on current plot twists in *Brookside* and *Teletubbies*, sit in a breeze-block dressing room while they swap in-jokes with each other, watch the gig, go back to the hotel for an hour-long interview with an exhausted and drunken lead singer, and mooch to bed. If it's an American trip, then the next day is spent trailing around after a press officer who is desperately trying to find (a) a coke dealer or (b) a place *that does* discounts on Maybelline mascara in bulk for everyone in the office.

Of course, none of this *would* matter as much *if* journalists' pride was assuaged by a laminate. Laminates are the gold discs of tour life, only usually issued to road-crew, band members *and press officers*. Every hack craves to have the Access All Areas necklace, if only because it allows you access to the seated areas of *venues, so you can* sit down and have a nice little nap while the band play. So coveted are these passes that Jonathan King *walks* around with every laminate he's ever been issued slung around his neck, like a smug Hawaiian garland.

But instead of this sexy, compact medallion, hacks on trips are issued with a stick-on Guest Pass, which makes you *feel like one of those cashiers* at Superdrug with "My name is SANDRA, how may I help?" emblazoned on their breast. And it rips the pile off velvet and other tactile fabrics when you try to remove it.

So don't think going on the road with a band is a crazy one-way ticket to rock'n'roll Valhalla. It's just a frock-ruining exercise in boredom, only relieved by an hour of frantic brain-searching, while you try to remember whether Jackie Dixon from *Brookie* is going for that eye operation or not. *Jack Kerouac would rather* have stayed at home.

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A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

LONDON

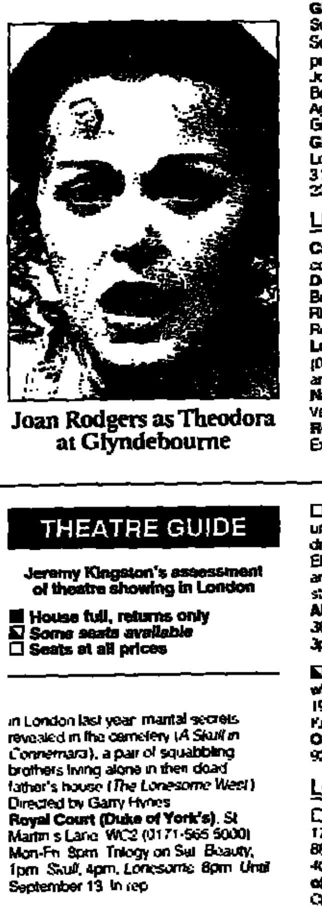
BBC PROMS: Jiří Bělohlávek conducts the **BBC Symphony Orchestra** and Chorus in tonight's Prom (7pm), which incorporates three of this year's themes. The anniversaries of both Brahms and Schubert are celebrated with Brahms's vigorous *Song of the Fates* and *Schubert's serene Mass in A flat major* and Jean-Yves Thibaudet plays Chopin's *folk-inspired* Piano Concerto No 2. Tomorrow, at 7.30pm, the **BBC Singers** and **BBC Concert Orchestra** under Barry Wordsworth perform Gilbert and Sullivan's *exuberant opera The Gondoliers*. At 4pm on Sunday, Anne Manson conducts **Mecklenburgh Opera** and **Sinfonia 21** in Weill's *Mahagonny-Songspiel* and *The Seven Deadly Sins*, together with a selection of German cabaret songs. Sunday evening's concert at 7.30pm is given by the **Royal Scottish National Orchestra**. Alexander Lazarev conducts Glinka's *Capriccio brillante on the "Jota Aragonesa"*, Prokofiev's Violin Concerto No 2 (soloist Tasmin Little) and Tchaikovsky's *Francesca da Rimini*. The programme includes the British premiere of Giya Kancheli's haunting Symphony No 3. With David James, counter-tenor.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, SW7 (0171-589 8212). Tonight-Sun

AMERICAN IMPRESSIONS: English Heritage's open-air concert season includes a programme of music by Korngold, Gershwin, Bernstein and Adams, and Howard Blake plays his own romantic piano concerto of 1991. The fireworks finale accompanies three movements from Grofé's evocative *Grand Canyon Suite*. Howard Snell conducts the City of London Sinfonia.
Kenwood Lakeside, Hampstead Lane, NW3 (*Ticketmaster 0171-413 1433*/344 4444). Tomorrow, 7.30pm

OTHELLO: David Harewood makes his National Theatre debut in the title role of Sam Mendes's production.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Previews begins tonight 7.30pm. Opens September 10, 7pm. Then in rep

ELSEWHERE

ALDEBURGH: This year's **Snape Proms** begin tonight with a re-creation of 1920s Harlem in *The Cotton Club Revue*. In a change of mood, the Romanian Gaudeamus String Quartet makes its Snape debut tomorrow and, on Sunday, Daniel Harding conducts the Northern Junior Philharmonic Orchestra in Mahler's Tenth Symphony and Berg's lyrical *Lulu Suite*.
Snape Maltings Concert Hall, High Street (01728 453543). Tonight-Sun, 7.30pm. Until August 31



Joan Rodgers as Theodora at Glyndebourne

EDINBURGH: *The* **Edinburgh International Jazz and Blues Festival** begins at 7.30pm tonight at the Cotton Club. This weekend's events include tomorrow's Mardi Gras in the Grassmarket and Jazz on a Summer's Day in Princes Street Gardens on Sunday.
Box Office (0131-667 7776). Until August 10

GLYNDEBOURNE: Returns only for Sunday evening's revival of Peter Sellars's critically acclaimed 1996 production of Handel's **Theodora**, with Joan Rodgers in the title role. Daniel Beckwith conducts the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment and the Glyndebourne Chorus. Sung in English.
Glyndebourne Opera House, near Lewes (01273 813813). Sunday, 3.30pm. Then August 5, 8, 13, 16, 18, 22, 4.35pm, August 10, 24, 3.20pm

LONDON GALLERIES

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Design Museum: The Coca-Cola Bottle (0171-378 6055) .. **Hayward:** Rhapsodies in Black: Art of the Harlem Renaissance (0171-928 3144)
London Institute: Summer Exhibition (0171-514 6000) · **National:** Seurat and the Bathers (0171-747 2885)
National Portrait: Clifford Coffin: The Vanished Truth (0171-306 0055)
Royal Academy: 229th Summer Exhibition (0171-439 7438)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
◩ ***Some seats available***
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□ **ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL:** Frances Cuka *plays the Countess* and Nigel Planer is Parolles in Helena Kaut-Howson's *production of a sometimes* tricky Shakespeare.
Open Air, *Inner Circle, Regent's Park*, NW1 (0171-486 2431). Tonight, Sat and Mon, 8pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. *In rep with A Midsummer Night's Dream*

□ **GOLIATH:** Nichola McAuliffe plays a score of people in a remarkable solo performance presenting the realities of life on modern urban estates. Based by Bryony Lavery on Beatrix Campbell's book, and directed by Annie Castledine.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (0181-743 3388). Mon-Sat, 8pm

□ **LAST LETTERS FROM STALINGRAD:** *Intensely moving* excerpts from the long-suppressed letters written by *the doomed soldiers of* Hitler's 6th Army. A cast of five in Matthew Mills's *adaptation, directed by* Charlie Salaman.
Bridewell, *Bride Lane, Fleet Street*, EC4 (0171-936 3456). Tue-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Sun, 3.30pm. Until August 16

□ ***THE LEENANE TRILOGY:*** Family life is no comfy bed of shamrock in the *Connemara village of Martin* McDonagh's trilogy: a mother from hell *and her desperate daughter* (*The Beauty Queen of Leenane*) — first seen in London last year; marital secrets revealed in the cemetery (*A Skull in Connemara*), a pair of squabbling brothers living alone in their dead father's house (*The Lonesome West*). Directed by Garry Hynes.
Royal Court (Duke of York's), St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-565 5000). Mon-Fri, 8pm. Trilogy on Sat: *Beauty*, 1pm; *Skull*, 4pm; *Lonesome*, 8pm. Until September 13. In rep

□ **LIFE SUPPORT:** Alan Bates plays a travel writer recalling the events of his life while his wife (Georgina Hale) lies in a coma after an insect-bite. Simon Gray's new play, described as "a profound comedy". directed by Harold Pinter.
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6003). Now previewing, 8pm. Opens August 5, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm

□ **PYGMALION:** Ray Cooney the unexpected choice as director of Shaw's drama. With Roy Marsden, Michael Elphick, Moray Watson, Barbara Murray and Marcia Warren. And Carli Norris, straight from RADA, playing Eliza.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4.30pm

◩ **WAITING FOR GODOT:** Peter Hall, who directed the British premiere in 1955, directs Alan Howard and Ben Kingsley in a revival of Beckett's drama.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (0171-928 7616). Tonight, 7.30pm. In rep

LONG RUNNERS

□ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (0171-369 1733) . ◩ ***Buddy***: *Strand (0171-930 8800)* . ◩ **Cats**: New London (0171-405 0072) . □ ***The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)***: *Criterion (0171-369 1737)* .. □ **An Inspector Calls**: Garrick (0171-494 5085) . ■ ***Les Misérables***: Palace (0171-434 0909) . ◩ ***Miss Saigon***: Drury Lane *(0171-494 5400)* . □ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (0171-836 1443) . □ ***Oliver!***: Palladium *(0171-494 5020)* . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (0171-494 5400)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **ADDICTED TO LOVE** (15): Sour romantic comedy with Matthew Broderick and Meg Ryan.
Greenwich *(0181-235 3005)* **Odeons: Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **Screen/Baker Street** *(0171-935 2772)* **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Fulham Road** *(0171-370 2636)* **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) ***Warner West End*** *(0171-437 4343)*

BAPS (15): Brassy girls make good in LA. Crass comedy, with Halle Berry and Natalie Desselle.
Ritzy (0171-737 2121) **Virgin Trocadero** (0171-434 0031)

◆ **MEN IN BLACK** (PG): Hip blockbuster about aliens in Manhattan, with Tommy Lee Jones and Will Smith.
ABC Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Greenwich** (0181-235 3005) **Notting Hill Coronet** Ⓢ (0171-727 6705) **Odeons: Camden Town** (0181-315 4255) **Kensington** (0181-315 *4214*) **Leicester Square** (0181-315 4215) **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **Rio** (0171-254 6677) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) ***Screen/Baker Street*** *(0171-935 2772)* *UCI* ***Whiteleys*** Ⓢ *(0990 888990)* **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Fulham Road** *(0171-370 2636)*

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◆ **BATMAN & ROBIN** (PG): Exhausting epic, with George Clooney and Chris O'Donnell.
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◆ **LADY AND THE TRAMP** (U): Disney's 1955 cartoon revived.
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◆ **THE LOST WORLD** (PG): Routine story damages the sequel to *Jurassic Park*. Director, Steven Spielberg.
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◆ **ONE FINE DAY** (15): Beguiling comedy with George Clooney and Michelle Pfeiffer.
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Hell hath no fury like this

The Kirov has some of the greatest choreography in the world in its repertoire. And we have seen plenty of it during the company's luxuriant summer season at the Coliseum. But *The Fountain of Bakhchisarai* is a prime example of an entirely different kind of ballet: the kind fondly known as "Soviet melodrama".

Premiered in St Petersburg in 1934, it is the work of composer Boris Assafiev, choreographer Rostislav Zakharov and dramatist Nikolai Volkov, who based his scenario on Pushkin. There is not much to admire in either score or choreography, yet the artists of the Kirov manage to rise above the inadequacies of the material.

Fountain of Bakhchisarai
Coliseum

Fountain tells the tale of the Tartar chieftain Khan Guirei who captures a Polish princess and lays waste to her family home. There are no hidden depths, but that doesn't seem to bother the Russians. They still give it all they've got, hurling themselves wholeheartedly into the emotional hokum. Sometimes you think they are going too far: Vladimir Ponomarev's Khan is so intemperate that all he needs is a train track on which to tie the hapless Princess Maria. But then comes the big moment — Maria's rejection of her Tartar captor — and there is Ponomarev convincing us utterly that not only does he truly love her, but that he is made desolate by her rejection.

Svetlana Zakharova joined the Kirov only last year, but already her Maria impresses. She has a dewy freshness and a tender tenacity — she even clutches that silly harp (the only thing she managed to save from the conflagration at home) with poignant credibility. On opening night, though, the honours went to Altynai Asylmuratova as Zarema, the Khan's vengeful leading wife. She parades into the harem, a queen of all she surveys, trailing yards of glorious fabric. She is alluring and confident of her favoured place in the Khan's affections. But she quickly picks up the scent of competition, at first crestfallen and then steeling herself to do whatever it takes — even murder — to win Guirei back.

Asylmuratova has the advantage of a triumphantly expressive face, and to this she brings such artistic integrity than even the more ludicrous come-ons in the choreography are tamed. When she finally confronts her rival — knife in hand — you know this is a woman who is hurting bad, and you can't help but feel her pain. Maria may have the moral high ground, but Zarema is the one who touches our hearts.

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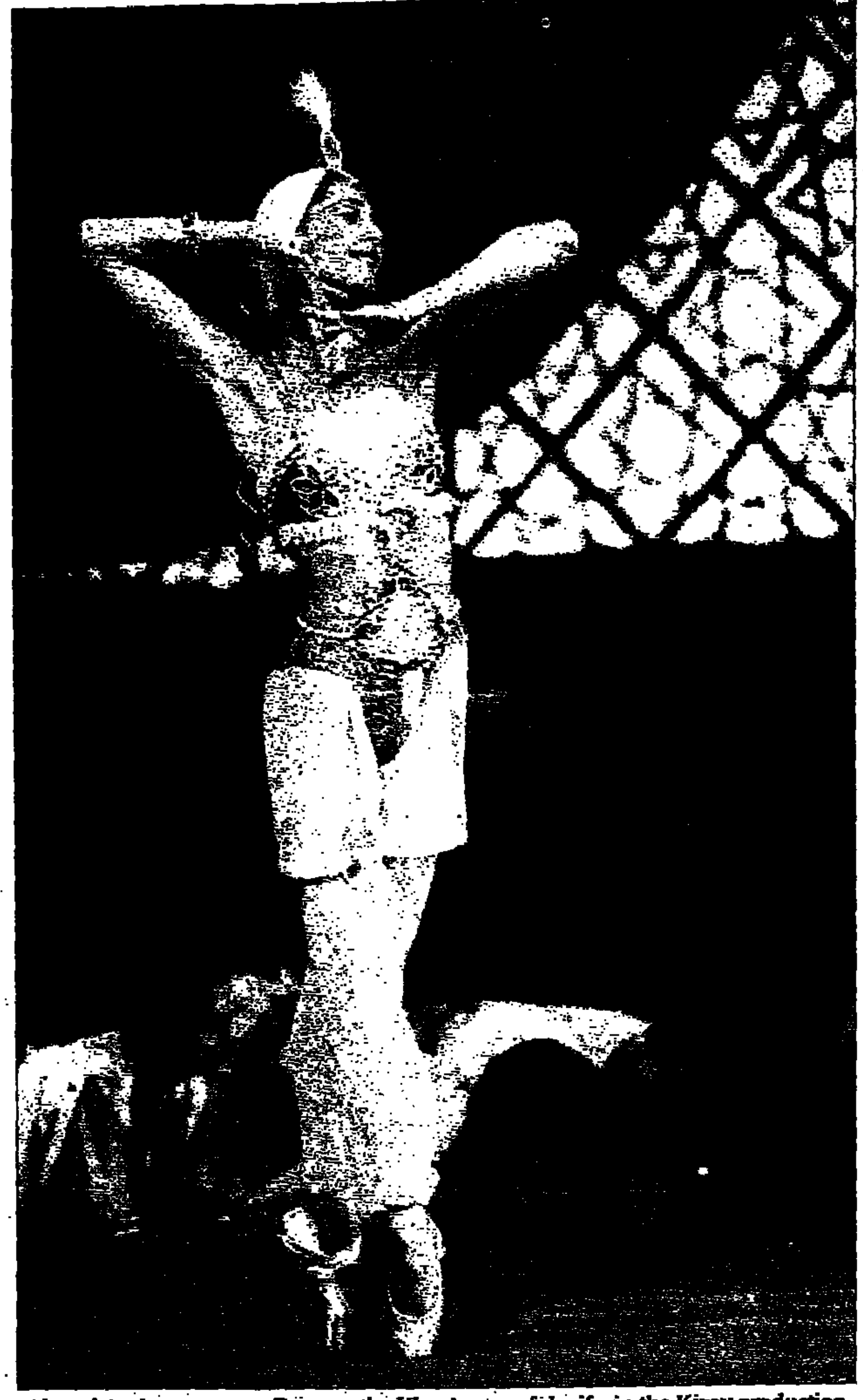

Altynai Asylmuratova as Zarema, the Khan's vengeful wife, in the Kirov production

A stand-up comic's lot is not an easy one

COMEDY
Short BAC and Sides
BAC, SW11

South London is doing a decent impersonation of Edinburgh at the moment. In the weeks before the nation's comics head North, a good number have been honing their material at the Battersea Arts Centre's annual Short BAC and Sides festival.

A stand-up zealot with money to spare can sample half a dozen acts on most nights, though given the loose form of many of the routines, it pays to be selective. Casual cynicism and dark humour abound. For all the brash talk, contemporary comedy can be every bit as conformist as the Bruce and Tarby tradition that it supplanted. Faecal matter takes the place of the mother-in-law, only the timing is not as sharp.

Mark Little's Psychobubble show is a bright exception to the trend. Though the Australian's one-hour show faded into an over-extended game of word-play with the audience, the opening sequence, which found him trapped, out of sight, beneath an old brown sofa, resembled a surreal rewrite of a Samuel Beckett monologue. Little — a refugee from *Neighbours* — is a thoughtful blend of whimsy and menace. His Tony Blair satire was surprisingly limp, though. Life after the Tories is clearly going to be difficult for many performers.

Earlier, we were all handed dunce caps to wear during the bout of ritual humiliation and sardonic quasi-cabaret that is **Cluub Zarathustra**. Marshalling the team of stormtroopers, Stewart Lee and Simon Munnery combined the inspired with the frankly lackadaisical. Although a promising running joke inspired by the oyster scene in *Spartacus* was one of many that still seemed to be searching for a pay-off, the parody of an Arts Council poet proved a direct hit, even if E.J. Thribb did get there first.

At the end of the evening it was just possible to sprint a half-mile to the Grace Theatre, where **Marcus Brigstocke** — last year's winner of the BBC New Comedian of the Year award at Edinburgh — offered samples from his new show. Versace, mobile phones and Oprah Winfrey were all predictable targets, and Brigstocke spends a lot of time reminiscing about drink and drugs without saying anything particularly original. On the other hand he is an incisive mimic, whether imitating the lardbuckets who unburden themselves to Rikki Lake or regurgitating the nonsense patter of your average jungle pirate DJ.

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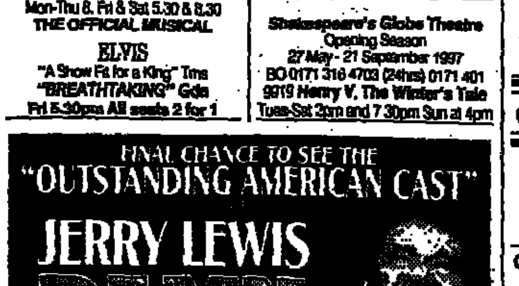

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Internal flight alternative

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Robinson

Before Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Potter and Lord Justice Brooke

[Judgment July 11]

Where an asylum seeker had a well founded fear of persecution in relation to one area of his home state but no such fear in respect of another area the question whether he should reasonably be expected to relocate to the safe area, the internal flight alternative, bore directly on whether he was properly to be treated as a refugee within the meaning of the Geneva Convention of 1951 (Cmd 9171) and the Protocol of 1967 (Cmnd 3906) Relating to the Status of Refugees.

Accordingly, the immigration appellate authorities had jurisdiction under section 8 of the Asylum and Immigration Appeals Act 1993 to consider the internal flight alternative in determining whether an asylum seeker's removal would contravene the United Kingdom's obligations under the Convention.

In seeking to appeal, an asylum seeker was required to state his grounds of appeal in his notice and the appellate body was not required to engage in a search for new grounds; but where there was a readily discernible and obvious point of Convention law favourable to the asylum seeker, which was not taken on his behalf, the special adjudicator, the Immigration Appeal Tribunal, on an application for leave to appeal, and the High Court, on an application for leave to move for judicial review, should nevertheless apply it.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an application by Mr Anthonypillai Robinson for judicial review of the Immigration Appeal Tribunal's refusal of leave to appeal from the special adjudicator who had dismissed his appeal from the refusal of the Secretary of State for the Home Department to grant him leave to enter the United Kingdom.

On the applicant's appeal under section 8 of the 1993 Act the special adjudicator had found that he had a well founded fear of persecution in the Jaffna region of Sri Lanka from which he originated but that no such fear could be established in respect of Colombo to which he had travelled before fleeing to the United Kingdom where he had claimed asylum.

The applicant sought leave to appeal to the Immigration Appeal Tribunal but did not state in his grounds that the adjudicator should have considered factors relevant to the reasonableness or otherwise of his returning to Colombo.

Mr Nicholas Blake, QC and Mr Raza Husain for the applicant; Mr David Pannick, QC and Miss Alison Foster for the Home Secretary; Mr Mark Shaw for the Immigration Appeal Tribunal.

LORD JUSTICE BROOKE, giving the judgment of the court, said that the Geneva Convention did not deal expressly with a situation where a person might technically be able to live in part of a country free of fear but for some reason it was not reasonable to expect him to do so.

No international court was charged with the interpretation and implementation of the Convention and therefore the *Handbook on Procedures and Criteria for Determining Refugee Status* published in 1979 by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, was a particularly helpful guide to what was the international understanding of the Convention obligations, as worked out in practice.

The 1979 *Handbook* stated that fear of persecution did not always need to extend to the whole territory of the refugee's country of nationality; that persecution of a specific ethnic or national group might occur in only one part and in such a case a person would not be excluded from refugee status merely because he could have sought refuge in another part, if it was not reasonable to expect him to do so.

A similar concept was to be found in paragraph 8 of the Joint Position (March 4, 1996) defined by the Council of the European Union and based on article K.3 of the Treaty on European Union (1996 OJ No L63/2) that where persecution appeared to be confined to a specific part of a country's territory the decision-maker should ascertain whether the claimant could not find effective protection in another part of his own country to which he might reasonably be expected to move.

The Joint Position reflected a contemporary understanding of the obligations created by the Convention which was not confined to member states of the European Union and was based on the principle that the international protection afforded by the Convention would only come into play when a country could not afford the claimant protection within its own frontiers: see *Canada (AG) v Ward* ((1993) 103 DLR (4th) 1). It followed that if the home state could afford what was called variously "relocation", "safe haven" or "internal flight alternative" where the claimant would not have a well founded fear of persecution, then international protection was unnecessary.

But it had to be reasonable for him to go and stay in that safe haven. In determining whether that was so a decision-maker would have to consider all the circumstances of the case against the backcloth that the issue was whether the claimant was entitled to refugee status.

The court considered as particularly helpful the test stated by Justice of Appeal Linden in *Thirunavukkarasu v Minister of Employment and Immigration* ((1993) 109 DLR (4th) 682): "Would it be unduly harsh to expect [the claimant] . . . to move to another less hostile part of the country before seeking refugee status abroad?"

The use of the words "unduly harsh" fairly reflected that what was in issue was whether a claimant could reasonably be expected to move to a particular part of the country.

If the question of the internal flight alternative arose, the answer went directly to the issue whether the claimant should properly be treated as a refugee within the meaning of the Convention, or whether he might legitimately be returned to that part of his home country consistently with the United Kingdom's obligations under the Convention.

The jurisdiction of the appellate authorities derived exclusively from section 8 of the 1993 Act. Different divisions of the Immigration Appeal Tribunal had considered that they had no jurisdiction on appeals to consider the internal flight alternative because it did not impinge on the United Kingdom's obligations.

They were wrong so to conclude. The Court of Appeal in *Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Ikhlaq* (unreported, July 15, 1996) and *R v Immigration Appeal Tribunal, Ex parte Sivanentheran* (unreported May 21, 1997) assumed without hearing argument that the question could be considered on a section 8 appeal. After hearing full argument in the present case, the court concluded that their assumption was correct.

The secretary of state and the appellate authorities would do well in future to adopt the approach which was set out in paragraph 8 of the Joint Position and the test suggested by Justice of Appeal Linden.

On the question whether appellate authorities should consider grounds not raised in the notice of appeal, it was the duty of such authorities to apply their knowledge of Convention jurisprudence to the facts as established by them when determining whether it would be a breach of the Convention to refuse a claimant leave to enter as a refugee.

They were not limited in their consideration by the arguments actually advanced by the claimant or his representative. If dicta of Lord Justice Hobhouse in *Anandanadarajah v Immigration Appeal Tribual* ([1996] Imm AR 514, 519) was interpreted as adopting a more restrictive approach it should not be followed.

It would, however, be wrong that mere arguability should be the criterion to be applied: a higher hurdle was required. Appellate authorities should focus primarily on the arguments adduced before them, whether advanced orally before the special adjudicator or in a written notice of appeal before the appeal tribunal.

But they were not required to engage in a search for new points. If there was a readily discernible and obvious point of Convention law which favoured the applicant although he had not taken it, then the special adjudicator should apply it in his favour, but he should feel under no obligation to prolong the hearing by asking the parties for submissions on points which they had not taken but which could be properly categorised as arguable as opposed to obvious.

Similarly, if when the tribunal read the special adjudicator's decision there was an obvious point of Convention law favourable to the applicant which did not appear in the decision, leave to appeal should be granted.

An obvious point was one which had a strong prospect of success if argued: nothing less would do.

It followed that leave to apply for judicial review of a refusal by the tribunal to grant leave to appeal should be granted if the judge was of the opinion that it was properly arguable that a point not raised in the grounds of appeal to the tribunal had a strong prospect of success if leave were granted.

On the facts of the present case, however, the appeal tribunal had not erred in refusing leave to appeal.

Solicitors: Nathan & Co; Treasury Solicitor: Treasury Solicitor.

Authorising compulsory purchase order

Chesterfield Properties plc and Another v Secretary of State for the Environment and Others

Before Mr Justice Laws

[Judgment July 24]

In considering whether to make a compulsory purchase order the Secretary of State for the Environment was not required to consider on the balance of probability whether the purpose for which it was required would be carried out.

Mr Justice Laws so held in the Queen's Bench Division when dismissing the appeals of Chesterfield Properties plc and Kwik Save Group plc against the decision of the secretary of state to order the compulsory purchase of land in Stockton-on-Tees, and other decisions ancillary to the development of the land made by the Secretary of State for the Environment and the Secretary of State for Transport.

Section 226 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 provides:

"(1) A local authority to whom this section applies shall, on being authorised to do so by the secretary of state, have power to acquire compulsorily any land in their area which (a) is suitable for and required in order to secure the carrying out of development, redevelopment or improvement; or (b) is required for a purpose which it is necessary to achieve in the interests of the proper planning of an area in which the land is situated."

Mr Timothy Straker, QC and Mr Robert Lewis for Chesterfield; Mr Anthony Dinkin, QC and Mr Robin Green for Kwik Save; Mr David Holgate, QC, for both secretaries of state; Mr John Steel, QC and Mr Murray Hunt for Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council.

MR JUSTICE LAWS said that, Mr Straker had asserted that, purely as a matter of the true construction of section 226(1)(a), the secretary of state could not lawfully authorise a compulsory purchase order unless he was satisfied that the development to which it related would probably be carried out.

He referred to the conjunctive phrase "in order to" which he said might have been omitted, its presence revealing that there had to be a direct connection between the exercise of the power and the object in view.

His Lordship rejected that argument. Of course the secretary of state might only deploy the power to confirm an order for the purpose for which the subsection conferred it.

However, there was nothing in the words of section 226(1)(a) to impose what would amount to a requirement of precedent fact before the secretary of state might authorise the order.

Had Parliament intended that the secretary of state's power should only arise if he were satisfied on the balance of probability that the development would be carried out, it would have so provided in clear terms.

Solicitors: Berwin Leighton; Bullivant Jones & Co, Liverpool; Treasury Solicitor; Addleshaw Booth & Co.

Using wasted costs jurisdiction

Wall v Lefever and Another

Before Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Roch and Lord Justice Otton

[Judgment July 14]

The wasted costs jurisdiction was a salutary and summary remedy to be used when a clear picture could be readily drawn to indicate that professional legal advisers had acted improperly, unreasonably or negligently, within the meaning of section 51 of the Supreme Court Act 1981, as amended by section 4 of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990.

If the judge, who had heard the evidence and seen the witnesses, refused to make such an order an appeal was only justified if some point of principle indicated that his approach had been wholly wrong.

The Court of Appeal so held (i) dismissing an appeal by the first defendant, Anthony Lefever, from Judge Downes who, at Norwich County Court, had refused to make a wasted costs order against the professional advisers of the plaintiff, Geoffrey Wall, who had been legally aided in his unsuccessful action for damages for the alleged negligent survey of a house; and (ii) ordering costs on an indemnity basis against the first defendant.

Mr Robert Sherman for Mr Lefever; Mr Giles Kavanagh and Mr Mark Lomas for the plaintiff's legal representatives at trial.

LORD WOOLF said that the present case raised a question as to the appropriate use of the wasted costs jurisdiction which was an important remedy available to the courts to ensure that litigation was conducted in the proper manner by the parties' legal representatives.

His Lordship referred to the relevant legislative provisions and in *Ridehalgh v Horsefield* ([1994] Ch 205, 226) to the tension between two important public interests, to which Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, had drawn attention:

1 That lawyers should not be deterred from pursuing their clients' interests by fear of incurring a personal liability to their clients' opponents, that they should not be penalised by orders to pay costs without a fair opportunity to defend themselves and that such orders should not become a backdoor means of recovering costs not otherwise recoverable against a legally aided or impoverished litigant, and

2 That litigants should not be financially prejudiced by the unjustifiable conduct of litigation by their or their opponents' lawyers.

His Lordship said that great care should be exercised before launching an appeal against the refusal of a wasted costs order by a judge at first instance who had heard the evidence and seen the witnesses.

The jurisdiction was salutary as long as it was not allowed to be a vehicle for generating substantial additional costs to the parties, and it should not be used to created subordinate or satellite litigation which was as complex and expensive as the original litigation.

It was however, an appropriate remedy where the need was reasonably clearly obvious; it was a summary remedy to be used where a clear picture could be readily drawn indicating that the professional advisers' conduct had fallen within that proscribed by section 51 of the 1981 Act.

If the judge concluded that it had not, then an appeal was only justified if some point of principle indicated that the judge's approach had been wholly wrong. That was not the present case.

In ordering indemnity costs, his Lordship referred to *Burgess v Stafford Hotel Ltd* ([1990] 1 WLR 1215), referred to in *The Supreme Court Practice 1997* (volume 1 paragraph 62/3/3 p1057).

He did not dissent from the view there expressed, that where there was a statutory right of appeal the appellant's conduct in appealing could not be said to deserve moral condemnation so as to attract indemnity costs merely because the appeal was hopeless; but that the respondent's proper course was to apply to strike it out, or apply for security for costs.

That cases was decided in 1990 and his Lordship would counsel caution as to the case laying down a general rule for today. Now the Court of Appeal discouraged applications to strike out because its experience was that such applications generated substantial costs.

In the ordinary case the proper course was not to apply to strike out but to allow the matter to be heard. If the appeal had no prospect of success it was soon apparent, and the court was not slow to make its view clear to counsel for the appellant.

An order for indemnity costs could be made without the court concluding that the appellant's lawyers had acted so as to incur moral condemnation. In the present case, it was not suggested that counsel had so acted, or had acted in any way other than bona fides.

He had misjudged the merits of the appeal in the case of an appeal relating to an area where the appellate court was unlikely to interfere with the exercise of the judge's discretion, save in a strong case.

Lord Justice Roch agreed.

LORD JUSTICE OTTON, concurring, endorsed in particular the commentary in *The Supreme Court Practice 1997* (at p1076) which drew attention to the importance for the court, on a wasted costs application, to bear prominently in mind the peculiar vulnerability of legal representatives acting for legally aided persons.

Solicitors: Cunningham John & Co, Thetford; Steele & Co, Harleston; Reynolds Porter Chamberlain.

Duty to pay for school named in statement

White and Another v Ealing London Borough Council and Another

Richardson v Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council and Another

Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council and Another v Finn

Before Mr Justice Dyson

[Judgment July 5]

There was no absolute duty upon either an education authority or the Special Educational Needs Tribunal to name a particular school in a statement of special educational needs but where a school was named the education authority was under a duty to arrange and pay for the school even if it was not maintained.

Mr Justice Dyson so held in the Queen's Bench Division when dismissing appeals by: Simon and David White against Ealing London Borough Council and the Special Educational Needs Tribunal; Ben Richardson against Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council and the tribunal; and Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council and the tribunal against James Finn.

Mr Nicholas Bowen for Simon and David White; Mr John Friel for Ealing; Miss Cherie Booth, QC and Mr Clive Lewis for Ben Richardson and James Finn; Miss Elizabeth Appleby, QC and Miss Marie Demetriou for Solihull; Miss Natalie Lieven for the tribunal.

MR JUSTICE DYSON said that Simon and David White, twins, Ben Richardson and James Finn were children who suffered from autism. The appropriate education authority issued statements accepting each child had special educational needs.

The parents of the children wished them to attend the Boston Higashi School in the United States of America, a non-maintained school. None of the education authority statements named that school as appropriate to cater for the special educational needs of the child concerned.

Two of the children, Ben Richardson and James Finn, were placed at the Boston Higashi School by their parents. The school fees were paid partly by each child's parents and partly by charitable fund raising.

All the children lodged appeals, inter alia, against the contents of their statements to the Special Educational Needs Tribunal.

In respect of Ben Richardson, the tribunal had held that a residential placement was not necessary and amended the statement "Ben should attend a special school .. in a non-residential setting".

In respect of Simon and David White the tribunal amended their statements to delete reference to a particular school and substituting a description of the type of school which was appropriate to their special educational needs.

In respect of James Finn, the tribunal concluded that the Boston Higashi School, which James was already attending, met his special educational needs and that that school should be named in the statement. The tribunal also found that the education authority was responsible for the fees of the Boston Higashi School notwithstanding it was a non-maintained school.

It was submitted on behalf of Richardson and White that the tribunal was always under a duty to name a school as part of the special education provision.

The education authorities submitted that although there was a power to name a school as part of the special education provision there was no duty to do so.

His Lordship considered sections 324, 326, 337 of and Schedule 27 to the Education Act 1996 and concluded that the decision of an education authority whether or not to name a school involved a considerable element of judgment both as to whether a particular school was appropriate and, having regard to the statutory duties in sections 9 and 316, whether a particular school should be named.

Paragraph 3(3) of Schedule 27 to the 1996 Act imposed a similar duty in relation to schools in the maintained sector.

His Lordship said that there was no absolute duty on an education authority to name a maintained or non-maintained school in a statement. Equally section 326 of the 1996 Act placed no duty upon a tribunal name a school in a statement although it had a power to do so.

The tribunal had held that the education authority had a duty to pay for the special educational provision of James Finn and that it was not relieved of that duty because his parents had placed him at the school.

That holding was ultra vires. There was no statutory provision which gave the tribunal power to rule upon any funding obligation.

His Lordship considered sections 324(5), 348, and 517(6) of the 1996 Act. Sections 348 and 517(6) were coming into force on September 1, 1997 by SI 1997 No 1623 (c67) but it was agreed between the parties that his Lordship should apply them.

The duty in section 324(5) of the 1996 Act was to organise or ensure that specified special education provision was available. There was a separate duty to pay for such arrangements which in practice would usually fall upon education authorities.

Under section 517(4) and (5) and section 348 the duty to arrange arose if the parents had not made suitable arrangements. The duty to pay arose if the education authority was satisfied it was expedient in the child's interests that the special education provision should be made for him in a non-maintained school.

When section 517(4) was replaced in September by section 348 the duty to pay would arise if the name of the school was specified in the statement or the education authority was satisfied of the matters set out in section 348(1)(b)(i) and (ii).

The decision as to the suitability of the arrangements made by the parents was for the education authority alone who should take into account arrangements already in place effected by parents subject to review on administrative law principles.

In the case of James Finn, an education authority acting reasonably would have taken the decision the tribunal took. The words of Mr Justice Auld, albeit obiter, in *R v Hackney London Borough Council, Ex parte G C* ([1995] ELR 144) were adopted with the gloss that suitable arrangements made by the parents must at least include arrangements for funding for a reasonable time.

Mr and Mrs Finn had paid two term's fees in advance to the Boston Higashi School. It was unreasonable of the education authority to decide suitable arrangements had been made because the parents would be able to finance schooling by future fund raising. It was unreasonable for the authority to seek to relieve itself of its duty by relying on parents to raise finance that way.

The education authority was in breach of its duty to arrange for the making of special education provision for James Finn in accordance with section 324(5) and in breach of its duty to pay for that provision in accordance with sections 517(4) and (5) of the 1996 Act.

Solicitors: Teacher Stern Selby; Mr Richard Polson, Ealing; Rust Moss & Co, Accrington; Mr Blamire-Brown, Solihull; Treasury Solicitor.

European Law Report

Luxembourg

The concept of waste in disposal regulations

Criminal proceedings against Tombesi and Others

Joined Cases C-304/94, C-330/94, C-342/94 and C-224/95

The concept of "waste" in Community provisions on the management and disposal of waste was not to be understood as excluding substances and objects which were capable of economic reutilisation.

The Sixth Chamber of the Court of Justice of the European Communities so held, inter alia, on June 25, on references under article 177 of the EC Treaty by the Pretura Circondariale di Terni and the Pretura Circondariale di Pescara in criminal proceedings in which the accused were charged with transporting, discharging, disposing of or incinerating urban and special waste produced by third parties without first obtaining authorisation from the competent region.

The provisions interpreted by the Court were article 1 of Council Directive 75/442/EEC of July 15, 1975 on waste as amended by Council Directive 91/156/EEC of March 18, 1991 (OJ 1991 L78 p32), referred to in article 1(3) of Council Directive 91/689/EEC of December 12, 1991 on hazardous waste (OJ 1991 L377 p20) and article 2(a) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 259/93 of February 1, 1993 on the supervision and control of shipments of waste within, into and out of the European Community (OJ 1993 L30 p1).

The Court said, inter alia, that under article 3(1) of Directive 75/442 as amended, the member states were to take measures to encourage, first, the prevention or reduction of waste production and its harmfulness, and second, the recovery of waste with a view to extracting secondary raw materials or the use of waste as a source of energy, and the system of supervision established by that directive was reinforced by Directive 91/156.

Article 2(a) of Regulation No 259/93, referring to article 1(a) of Directive 75/442 as amended, laid down a common definition of the concept of waste which was of direct application, even to shipments within any member state.

National legislation which defined waste as excluding substances and objects which were capable of economic reutilisation was not compatible with the relevant Community provisions.

The system of supervision and control, including the requirement of authorisation or registration for undertakings which collected, disposed of or recovered waste on a professional basis, was intended to cover all objects and substances discarded by their owners, even if they had a commercial value and were collected on a commercial basis for recycling, reclamation or re-use.

The Court held further that a deactivation process intended merely to render waste harmless, landfill tipping in hollows and embankments, and waste incineration, constituted disposal or recovery operations falling within the scope of the Community rules, and that the fact that a substance was classified as a re-usable residue without its characteristics or purpose being defined was irrelevant in that regard, and the same applied to the grinding of a waste substance.

Characterising turnover tax

Careda SA v Administración General del Estado

Federación Nacional de Operadores de Maquinas Recreativas y de Azar v Same

Asociación Española de Empresarios de Maquinas Recreativas v Same

Joined Cases C-370/95, C-371/95 and C-372/95

In order for a tax to be characterised as a turnover tax, it was not necessary that the relevant national legislation expressly provided that it could be passed on to the consumer, nor was it necessary that the passing on of the tax to the consumer be recorded in an invoice or other document serving as an invoice.

The Fifth Chamber of the Court of Justice of the European Communities so held on June 26 when giving a preliminary ruling on a reference under article 177 of the EC Treaty by the Audiencia Nacional (National High Court), Spain.

In the proceedings, the plaintiffs, who had been charged to a fiscal levy on games of chance and gambling under a Spanish law, claimed that that law was contrary to article 33 of Sixth Council Directive 77/388/EEC of May 17, 1977 on the harmonisation of the laws of the member states relating to turnover taxes, common system of value added tax: uniform basis of assessment (OJ 1977 L145 p1), as it resembled value-added tax.

Article 33 provides: "Without prejudice to other Community provisions, the provisions of this directive shall not prevent a member state from maintaining or introducing taxes on [various matters] and, more generally, any taxes, duties or charges which cannot be characterised as turnover taxes."

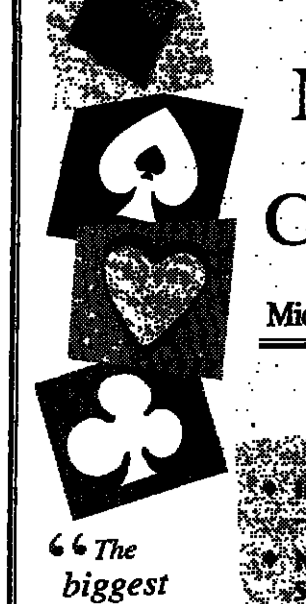
The Court said that article 33 enabled member states to maintain or introduce certain indirect taxes such as excise duties on the condition that they could not be characterised as turnover taxes.

Taxes, charges and duties which had the essential characteristics of VAT were always to be considered as such even if they were not identical to VAT in all respects.

The essential characteristics of VAT were that it applied generally to transactions relating to goods or services, it was proportional to the price of those goods or services, it was charged at each stage of the production and distribution process, it was imposed on the added value of goods and services, and it was borne by the final consumer.

Accordingly, in order to be characterised as a turnover tax within article 33, the tax in question had to be capable of being passed on to the consumer, but on the proper interpretation of the article and in view of its purpose, it was not necessary for the national legislation to have an express provision to that effect.

The holding or issue of an invoice was not required in all circumstances by the directive, and did not constitute an essential characteristic of turnover tax within article 33.



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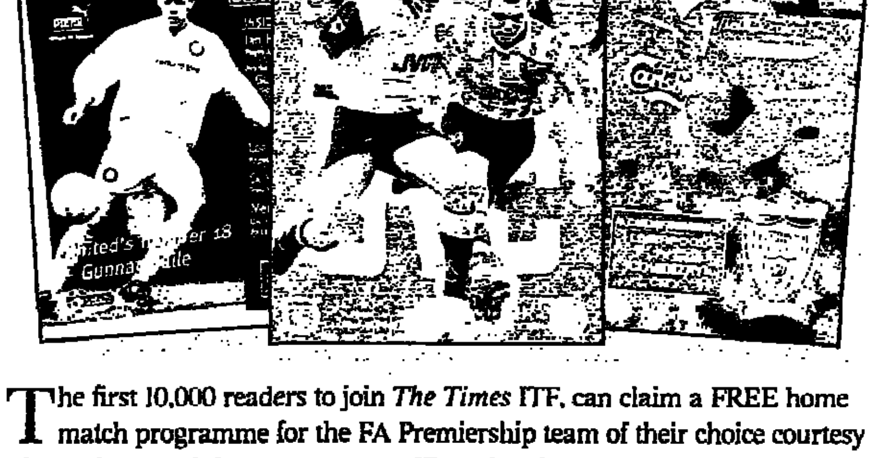

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Summer camps ease holiday hell

Activity trips soothe a ruffled parent's feathers during the school break, says **Phil Revell**

MANY parents view the school summer holidays with horror, knowing that the phrases "I'm bored" and "Do we have to?" will haunt them for six weeks.

At such times, many parents must look enviously across the Atlantic, where parents pack their children off to camp and get on with their lives.

The Peanuts cartoons have educated us all about the realities of summer camp. Charlie Brown will suffer terrible angst about his inability to form relationships. Lucy will boss everyone around, and Pigpen will avoid all contact with soap and water. But how close is the cartoon to reality?

Sixteen-year-old Max Mogren, from Winona in Minnesota, has been to camp every year since he was three. For the first few years, these camps were family affairs, with parents tagging along until he was old enough to cope on his own. This summer has marked his first break from camp. Instead, he is "homestaying" across Europe with families selected by the People to People organisation. "I really enjoyed camp," he says. "I looked forward to it."

Max's camp included canoe expeditions on the Mississippi. His stay usually lasted a week, sometimes two, which is the first departure from the cartoon truth. Few American families send their kids to camp for the whole school holiday. Another myth is exploded when we learn that most parents remain at work. Summer camp is not an opportunity for American parents to go on holiday without their children.

Summer camps are an American phenomenon. In Britain commercially run activity holidays for children have only recently achieved any kind of success. One reason for this is that middle-class parents often send their children to boarding school and are therefore keen to re-acquaint themselves with their offspring during the summer break. And for most of this century the Scout and Guide movements have provided camping holidays for children at a fraction of the cost of a commercial holiday.

Now that more women go out to work, childcare has become more important. Parents are also keen to encourage children to develop social skills and become more independent, and camps offer a secure environment for young people to spread their wings. The result has been the slow growth of summer holiday centres catering for unaccompanied children.

PGL, based in Ross-on-Wye, Hereford and Worcester, has been offering water-based activity holidays for 40 years. The founder, Peter Gordon Lawrence, organised his first trip using two canoes and a coal lorry. Since then the company has expanded into the schools market and now offers holidays across Europe. A more recent provider is Superchoice, with centres on the Isle of Wight and at Weymouth, Dorset. Superchoice offers 50 activities at camps which can accommodate up to 600 children at a time.

The 10,000 camps throughout America include many specialist venues, such as a music camp and even one for dyslexics. British parents have less choice, but there are sailing centres, drama holidays and eco-camps for the environmentally aware.

The Island Cruising Club, in Salcombe, Devon, offers sailing weeks for about £400 all in. Children stay in a converted Mersey ferry boat, the *Egremont*.

The cost of such activity holidays is usually about £300-£400 but accommodation is often basic. Few match American camps, where children typically stay in chalets and are supervised 24 hours a day by camp counsellors, who sleep in the same dormitory. Families can pay $3,000-$4,000 (£1,900-£2,500) a child for summer camp, a price that reflects the staffing ratios and standards of accommodation.

Parents are keen for children to develop social skills

Many British providers continue to use tents. Not the canvas ones that we remember from Scout camp, but robust plastic boxes. These may be practical but hardly offer the highest standards of comfort. Staffing ratios can also vary widely. Since the Lyme Regis disaster a few years ago, when four teenagers were drowned on a canoe trip, activity providers have radically improved their approach to instruction. But some centres are saving costs by bunching children into groups which are too big.

THE British weather is the main reason why summer camps are unlikely to become as popular here as in the United States. Camps in the Midwest and on the West Coast can rely on long, hot summers. In Britain, camps that look inviting in sunny weather become endurance events when it rains for days on end. But if the alternative is six weeks at home with frustrated children, perhaps the weather isn't so important after all.

Classic A-level blunders

Illiteracy and ignorance give the lie to better marks, says examiner **Jim Brennan**

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A familiar assertion will be made later this month, when A-level results are published, that standards have not fallen. Anyone who read the examination scripts I spent the summer marking would dispute that. I graded nearly 350 A-level papers in classical civilisation, from a random distribution of centres throughout England and Wales, half of them independent schools.

These candidates had spent two years on a course that encompassed Roman society in the late Republic (80 BC to AD 14), Cicero's life and works, two other authors (Virgil and Juvenal), Roman Britain and Roman art and architecture. In three hours they were required to write four short essays chosen from 25 topics.

The number of scripts I marked is a reasonably representative sample, compared with the total of about 1,200 candidates.

In a fortnight, the results will emerge. They will be much the same as last year, or possibly better. The work I saw tells a disturbing story. I was able to award a mark above 80 per cent to only one candidate, above 70 per cent to only six, and marks well below 50 per cent to the majority. More than 30 scored below ten, and there were two zeros. But these marks will be scaled up and the true picture will be concealed.

Was I needlessly demanding? Far from it; I spent a lot of time re-reading papers to find a reason for adding marks. The board for which I mark does not permit penalties for errors in spelling and punctuation. If it did, many candidates would have received a minus mark.

These candidates were in their last year of secondary education. Presumably they chose, or were encouraged to choose, this subject because they were thought to have some interest in, or aptitude for, literature and history. Their average age would be about 18. The majority of them will be saying to universities and, eventually, employers, that they have an A level in classics, which sounds quite impressive. Yet almost all those whose papers I read are as close to illiteracy as they can be.

Hardly any of them, for instance, offered an essay that had any shape or structure; instead there were stream-of-consciousness pieces, amounting to whatever jumbled ideas occurred at random. Knowledge of what constitutes a sentence was rare, punctuation haphazard and spelling bizarre.

Most of these young people will next year be in some form of higher education. Yet many think that allowed is spelt aloud, that "I would of" is correct, that there is no difference between to, too and two, or between there and their; no one apparently has ever taught them the rules about "ei" and "ie" or that nouns ending in "y", such as ally, become allies in the plural. I could go on and on; but the fact is that these were rules I had mastered when I was eight years old, not through any virtue of mine, but because trouble was taken by my teachers.

There were other worrying trends. To read the course, you would have encountered hundreds of times names such as Caesar, Pompey, Juvenal, the Senate, Agricola and so on. Yet these were routinely misspelt.

Some of the essays called for evaluation and interpretation of information, but some did not. Sadly, a great deal of the information included was wildly inaccurate. I do not mean by an occasional candidate, but by all the candidates from a centre; thus they had all been taught inaccurately and supplied with false data on the topic.

A minor but irritating element must be the handwriting, which I often struggled with. If I could not read it, I could scarcely be expected to award marks.

So what is going on? Are standards falling? Of course, they are; but there are good reasons for it.

Principally, it is a factor of the absurd expansion in post-secondary education of the past 20 years. The population has not increased noticeably, yet more children are staying on after the school-leaving age and attempting A levels, and then going on to still further education.

There is, naturally, less time available in the school timetable for each subject, as other, new ones, have proliferated. Syllabuses have had to be whittled down. But there is a great difference between whittling and diluting. For instance, in neither Latin or Greek at A level is it now obligatory to translate into the language; that is dilution. Nor does one read so many set texts; that is whittling.

Having held two headmasterships, as well as in my earlier career run a large classics department and, since retirement, taught in a flourishing department in an independent school, I am in a position to suggest at least some of the causes of what is happening.

For certain, many new graduates are insufficiently taught and, in my subject, have read far less of the literature and know less of the history than I did when I graduated. That is curable; they can get down to repairing the gaps.

The real solution lies with the teachers and the question of how much time they are prepared to give to correcting their pupils' essays. I always found that if I marked meticulously, discussed the mistakes in class and poured scorn and sarcasm on elementary spelling and grammatical blunders, they disappeared. Equally, statements had to be accurate and, if not, had to be corrected and re-submitted; and opinions had to be supported by quoted evidence.

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He says: "Education is about moving obstacles. 'I have a question' is the best possible state of mind for a human being." In Newcastle, there are lots of questions.

The journey with Professor Zander may change lives, but there are no auditions and no fees. "This is not a performance course," he says. "We take the first 35 students who sign up."

Students include a 15-year-old who has been learning the clarinet for 18 months, a primary-school music teacher, a professor of music from Eastern Europe who is living in the North East, the lead violinist of one of the finest chamber groups in Europe, a jazz trumpeter and two singers.

One young soprano is having a difficult time at college because her teachers keep putting her down. The other singer is a professional viola player, with a beautiful mezzo voice who has always wanted to sing.

Gordon Dixon runs the trust and is managing director of the Avison Baroque Ensemble — the first period orchestra in the North.

The trust and ensemble are named after Charles Avison, a distinguished 18th-century English musician who spent his life in Newcastle, establishing the town as one of the most prominent music centres in the country.

The summer school, now in its eighth year, was started by Mr Dixon, whose life was changed ten years ago when he attended one of Professor Zander's masterclasses in London.

"Ben made a promise that anyone who stayed for all 26 hours of classes would make a breakthrough in their music-making," he says. "I stayed, and it did make a huge difference. Later, I worked with Ben in Boston and started taking over some of my musician friends. Eventually, it seemed to make more sense for me to find a way to bring Ben to Newcastle."

Leading students on a musical journey: Professor Zander

Mr Dixon, 38, and viola player Colin Start, 40, who also promotes access to music through community projects in schools and for special needs groups in the region, grew up in an education system in which free music lessons and instruments were available free of charge.

"We come from backgrounds where learning to play an instrument would not have been possible without that help," he says. "Now, funding for music education has been so drastically cut, we have to find a structure for young people to see what music can bring to their lives. When I take musicians into schools, they don't pretend to be teachers. That's not what it's about. They are musicians who discover beautiful ways of encouraging children to think about sounds, timbre, images and colour."

Mr Start believes that the dire situation of music in most British schools will lead to a shortage of good music teachers and musicians for orchestras. He and Mr Dixon are clear about the trust's work. Mr Start says: "Some local organisations have moved into 'education' because it attracts funding, but 'education' was our starting point. It is the heart of what we do."

During his time in Newcastle last year, the charismatic Professor Zander, about whom the BBC is filming a major arts documentary, was asked by Mr Dixon to address 16-year-olds at Blakelaw Secondary — one of the named failing schools in the area.

"Afterwards, we gave them tickets for a concert of the Brahms *Double Concerto* with the Newcastle Philharmonic which Ben was conducting.

"None of them had ever been to a performance of classical music before, but they had such a good time they also came to the next series of concerts we did with the ensemble."

When Mr Start takes musicians into schools, he often finds that the biggest troublemaker in a class is lit up by the power of music.

Professor Zander says: "When I teach and when I conduct, I talk to the passion in that person. Music is a gift we take with us throughout our lives. It is a gift to give away to the person who is listening. You don't play an instrument with your hands, you play with your heart."

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By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

AFTER a morning of showers and slate grey skies which wiped away the glorious from Goodwood, Double Trigger and Double Eclipse yesterday picked the perfect moment to disprove the old saying that lightning never strikes in the same place twice.

It was two years ago that the Mark Johnston-trained equine brothers locked horns in one of the most memorable runnings of the Goodwood Cup since it was first staged in 1812. As Trigger just prevailed over the younger Eclipse after an epic duel up the straight, the cheers carried across the English Channel and racing sages muttered that we would never see the like of it again. Well, yesterday we did — against all the odds.

In the intervening period, Double Eclipse has suffered the kind of setbacks which would have ended the career of most horses. He effectively races on three legs nowadays and has not had a proper workout on the Middleham gallops for 14 months. Meanwhile, at the age of six, Double Trigger's mind tends to be on the opposite sex rather than running quickly — with inevitable consequences. He has lost more supporters than the Conservative Party this year — and started at 16-1 yesterday.

The final insult for Trigger came when Jason Weaver, on board for most of his 11 victories, deserted him in favour of his younger brother. When the stalls opened yesterday, Michael Roberts, who has taken over in the saddle, did not need long to find out why.

After being kicked into an early lead, Double Trigger soon made it plain he would rather pull himself up. Time and again Roberts had to niggle, cajole and bully his mount into concentrating on matters in hand. As the field bunched up behind the leader, it seemed only a question of when he would be overtaken.

When the challenge finally arrived, it was delivered initially by his brother. Roberts made one more demand on his horse and, somewhat to the surprise of the South African rider, Double Trigger responded and remembered how to win. For a few moments, it looked as though Double Eclipse would again claim the runner-up spot. In the end Classic Cliche, the 5-4 favourite who had been last at the top of the hill, spoilt the party by grabbing second place — but it mattered little as the crowd cheered the winner and Johnston to the echo.

"That was fantastic," Johnston said. "I have said for some time that Double Trigger has the class and should not be written off after three bad runs. It doesn't mean that he's thrown in the towel. Remember he is a six-year-old entire horse — they think about other things."

Henry Cecil will have every right to think about other things this morning — such as winning the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket next May — after a deeply impressive performance by Daggers Drawn, who provided the ten-times champion trainer with his first success in the Salomon Brothers Richmond Stakes.

Confronted by a wall of horses in front of him approaching the final furlong, it appeared for a few moments as though Kieren Fallon would be thwarted on the heavily backed favourite. A gap then appeared and the Diesis colt displayed classic acceleration to burst between Lord Kintyre and Linden Heights and win handsomely.

Cecil reeled off a list of future big-race engagements. Suffice to say, the colt, bred and owned by Cliveden Stud, is in everything bar the Boat Race — and looks a worthy 7-1 favourite for the 2,000 Guineas.

Earlier, John Reid had produced the riding performance of the week to win the Oak Tree Stakes on Dazzle. Having decided the best tactics were to wait, wait and wait again, Reid finally unleashed the Gone West filly inside the final furlong to score a shade comfortably. Michael Stoute unfortunately left it until after the race to announce: "We had her in tip top shape today and I was very confident she would win."

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: AMYAS
(2.45 Goodwood)
Next best: Bright Water
(3.20 Goodwood)

Dettori switch to pay dividends on Great Child

GOODWOOD
BBC2

TODAY'S RACING ON TELEVISION

2.15: Shaheen, disappointing at Royal Ascot last time, showed solid form in mile maidens during the spring, before dropping to this trip to get off the mark in decisive fashion at Kempton. That race has worked out well — the third, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth have all won — but he has to be opposed with the worst draw in the race.

Frankie Dettori switches from Jorrocks to the Michael Stoute-trained **Great Child**, freshened up by a break since his unlucky run at Epsom. The better ground suits, and he acts on a sharp track (has won at Chester). Jawhari is unexposed, but Fun Galore's status as an intriguing alternative — he got bogged down in the mud last time, after shaping with promise on his reappearance — would be diminished by more rain.

2.45: Labeq's impressive reappearance win came in a soft maiden, and he meets a different calibre of animal here, notably Amyas — unlucky not to win on his first attempt at this trip in a competitive, strongly-run race at Newmarket. Patriot Games is another unfortunate not to have won his latest start, likewise hampered at a crucial stage. More rain would place a question mark over Southerly Wind, who flagged in soft ground at Royal Ascot, but there is no doubt that he was subsequently ill served by the slow pace in the Magnet Cup.

By contrast, the better ground should bring out the best in **Lord Eurolink**, who could have been ridden more positively last time and may have been laid out for this. At the bottom of the handicap, obvious concerns about Sword Arms, tried over a longer distance and running on easier ground, should be discounted; his trainer, Roger Charlton, is not the sort to gamble blindly.

3.20: Bright Water is the subject of excellent gallops reports, and certainly impressed on his Chester reappearance. A brother to Tenby, he should stay the extra two furlongs well, and his tail-swishing has not yet revealed anything sinister. All told, however, he may go off at a false price, giving 13lb to **Humourless**, who got jarred up last year and will relish the better ground today. He was unsuited by the slow early pace at York last time, and his trainer excels at this meeting — as does that of the inconsistent Medaille Militaire, who ran well over course and distance on his reappearance.

3.50: Lady Alexander exploited the air of neurosis that surrounds the hyped King Of Kings at the Curragh, bravely winning in a photo-finish as the runner-up was given an easy time. But she endured a hard race and drops back to the minimum, on a very sharp course, and preference is for **Princess Natalie**. David Barron, not the sort to get carried away by a horse, significantly started her off in a Doncaster conditions race, rather than a maiden — and she became the only horse to beat Desert Lady in her first three starts. Easy ground will help her cause, which may not be the case for the speedy types, It's All Relative and Mugello.

Chris McGrath

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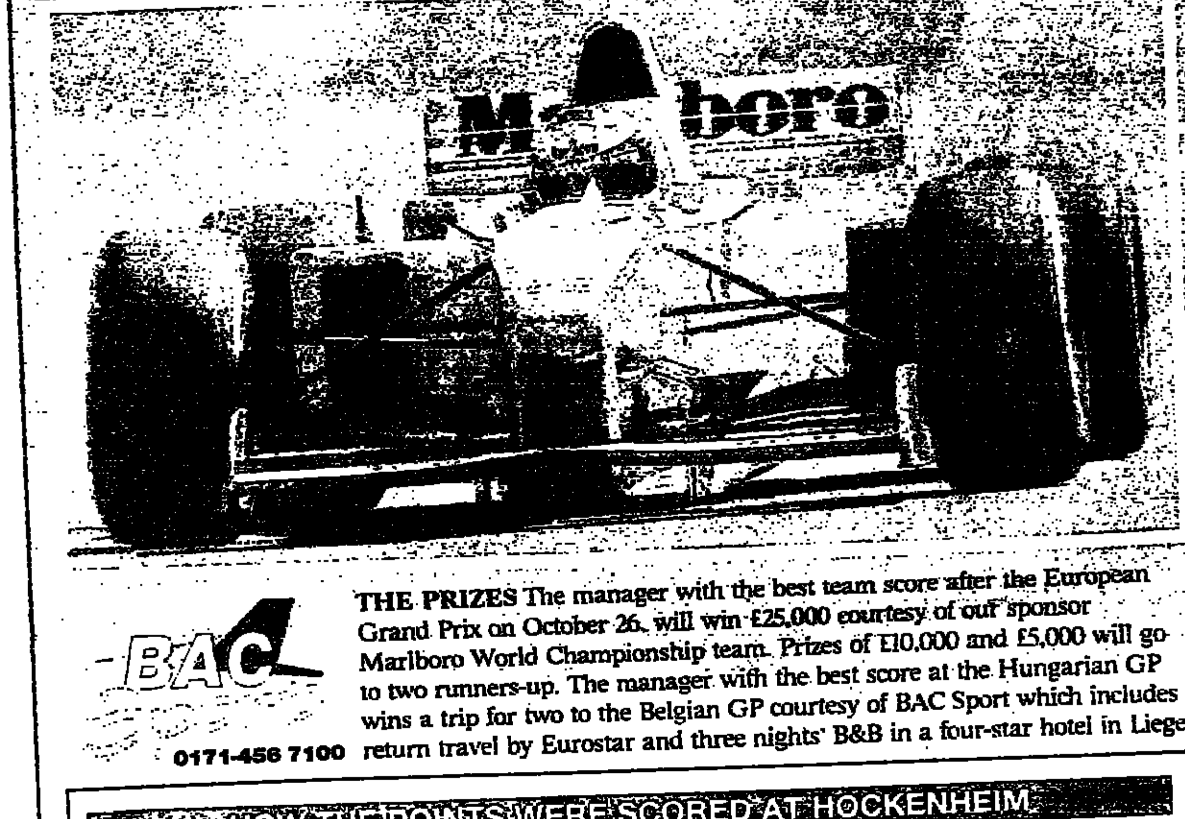

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OUR LEADERBOARD AFTER THE GERMAN GRAND PRIX

POS	TEAM NAME	MANAGER NAME	POINTS
1	Aston O	L Ackland	7333
2	Dragon Racing	R Davis	7211
3	Gwilt F1	D Gwilt	7199
4	Coolsport	D Coolican	7185
5	The Tigglers	Mr R	7117
5	Cathy's Clowns	Mrs C Robinson	7117
5	Bezzotti Racing	A Scott	7117
5	F1 Erb	S Erhorn	7117
9	Smith-Astra	D Smith	7088
10	Formula Uno	P Tabone	7076
11	Sour Mash	R Owers	7071
12	Will And Nerve	A Mewes	7067
12	Cartell Racing	S Dimetto	7067
14	Becks Racing Team	M Kingdon	7038
15	Parkhurst Racing	L Danson	7036
16	Scuderia Vincitore	S Lorenti	7031
17	Midnight Ravers	C Newman	7022
17	Cyclops	R Bohee	7022
17	Goldfinch	S Goldfinch	7022
20	Freaks	F Retkowsky	7013
21	What Alesi Bunch!	N Rowe	7011
22	Scuderia Vitulli	Mr Vitulli	7004
23	Salanco	Ms S Dankevics	6985
24	Chris-Williams	C Quagliero	6975
25	Laura's-Rob	J Smith	6974

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DRIVERS

GROUP A		
01 D Hill	99	598
02 M Schumacher	124	1197
03 J Villeneuve	41	929
04 E Irvine	8	866
05 J Alesi	94	1091
06 G Berger	145	798
07 M Hakkinen	109	845
08 D Coulthard	10	798
09 R Barrichello	38	486
10 H-H Frentzen	13	848
11 J Herbert	11	751
12 M Salo	31	769

GROUP B		
13 J Trulli	112	1110
14 J Verstappen	105	713
15 U Katayama	13	527
16 P Diniz	9	479
17 R Rosset	0	0
18 R Schumacher	100	663
19 G Fisichella	78	947
20 S Nakano	112	689
21 N Fontana	105	931
22 T Marques	-10	599
23 J Magnussen	29	510
24 V Sospiri	0	0

CONSTRUCTORS

GROUP C		
25 Williams	-20	107
26 Ferrari	15	175
27 McLaren	14	114
28 Benetton	30	185
29 Jordan	12	94
30 Prost	23	113

GROUP D		
31 Arrows	9	-49
32 Sauber	8	98
33 Tyrrell	7	-4
34 Minardi	-20	19
35 5 Stewart	-20	-99
36 Lola	0	0

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GOODWOOD

THUNDERER
2.15 Great Child
2.45 Amyas
3.20 HUMOURLESS (nap)
3.50 Lady Alexander
4.25 Chester House
5.00 Rudi's Pet
5.35 Almasi

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.50 LADY ALEXANDER.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.15 Shaheen. 3.20 Bright Water. 4.25 CHESTER HOUSE (nap).

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — TOTE JACKPOT MEETING — SIS
DRAW: 7F-1M 2F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.15 SEEBOARD HANDICAP — BBC2
(3-Y-O: £20,535: 7f) (15 runners)

101	(12)	3-05006	OMAHA CITY 13 (F) (B Gubby Ltd) B Gubby 9-7	A Clark	92
102	(13)	-253404	GRANNY'S PET 27 (B,F) (Mrs D Arbib) P Cole 9-6	R Cochrane	91
103	(11)	110-05	FUN GALORE 28 (D,F) (Miss H al-Maktoum) B Hills 9-3	M Hills	89
104	(14)	2-01206	WASP RANGER 13 (B,C,S) (C Wright) P Cole 9-2	Pat Eddery	96
105	(1)	32210	SHAHEEN 44 (V,D,F) (Thoroughbred Corporation) H Cecil 9-1	K Fallon	91
106	(4)	0-02005	JEFFREY ANOTHERRED 34 (D,F,G,S) (Highgrove Ltd) K McAuliffe 8-11	J Egan	98
107	(3)	24-1	JAWHARI 22 (F) (H al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 8-9	R Hills	90
108	(9)	43-0120	GREAT CHILD 56 (BF,S) (S Suhail) M Stoute 8-6	L Dettori	95
109	(2)	1-29235	JUST NICK 45 (G) (D Clarke) W Muir 8-5	J Reid	93
110	(8)	2921	JORROCKS 9 (D,F) (P Mellon) I Balding 8-2 (5ex)	C Lowther (5)	93
111	(6)	00-1245	GEE BEE DREAM 20 (D,F) (Grant & Bowman Ltd) A Jarvis 8-1	S Drowne	97
112	(10)	2041213	ALWAYS ALIGHT 14 (BF,C,F,S) (M Nelmes-Crocker) K Burke 7-13	J Quinn	⊛
113	(7)	34-4	SILVER KRISTAL 22 (Sir Eric Parker) R Akehurst 7-12	R Ffrench (3)	90
114	(5)	0210233	IVORY DAWN 10 (C,G) (D Ivory) K Ivory 7-11	Aimee Cook (5)	97
115	(15)	4404525	JUST LOUI 21 (D) (N Shields) K Burke 7-11	G Bardwell	95

BETTING: 3-1 Jawhari, 5-1 Great Child, 7-1 Silver Kristal, Shaheen, 10-1 Jorrocks, Wasp Ranger, 10-1 others.

1996: GREEN BARRIES 8-9 R Hills (10-1) M Johnston 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

GRANNY'S PET best effort 1¾l 4th of 7 to Tomba in listed handicap at Haydock (6f, good to soft). WASP RANGER best effort 5l 2nd of 6 to Hidden Meadow in conditions race at Epsom (7f, good). SHAHEEN 17l 15th of 20 to Among Men in group III race at Royal Ascot (7f, good to firm). JAWHARI beat Northern Angel 1¼l in 13-runner maiden at Lingfield (7f 140yd, firm) with SILVER KRISTAL (6lb better off) 1¾l 4th. GREAT CHILD best effort beat JEFFREY ANOTHERED (18lb better off) ¾l in 16-runner handicap at Chester (7f 122yd, soft). JORROCKS beat Song Of Skye ¾l in handicap at Sandown (7f, good to firm). ALWAYS ALIGHT best effort beat Rudi's Pet neck in 9-runner handicap here (6f, good to soft) on penultimate start.
Selection: JORROCKS

2.45 VOLVO CONTRACTS GLOBETROTTER HANDICAP — BBC2
(3-Y-O: £34,800: 1m 2f) (18 runners)

201	(9)	2-13115	BARBA PAPA 33 (D,F,G,S) (Dr M Boffa) L Cumani 9-7	D Holland	95
202	(4)	5-52403	PAPUA 16 (F) (R & E Hitchins) I Balding 9-6	M Roberts	93
203	(13)	41-444	DESERT HORIZON 16 (S) (K Abdulla) J Gosden 9-5	L Dettori	90
204	(11)	6-12120	SUPPLY AND DEMAND 43 (F,S) (Acbone) G L Moore 9-4	J Reid	91
205	(18)	10-1604	AMYAS 23 (F,G,S) (Mrs J Corbett) B Hills 9-4	M Hills	92
206	(2)	82-2510	GENEROUS GIFT 43 (C,F) (M al-Maktoum) E Dunlop 9-2	K Fallon	93
207	(14)	1-220	PRIENA 23 (F) (Cuadra Aletta) D Loder 9-0	K Darley	89
208	(17)	21-1000	CALYPSO GRANT 58 (G) (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 9-0	C Lowther (5)	92
209	(3)	211-6	AL AZHAR 48 (F,G) (Al Muallim Partnership) I Balding 8-13	Pat Eddery	87
210	(12)	5-45546	BALI PARADISE 22 (F,S) (Al Muallim Partnership) P Cole 8-13	B Doyle	98
211	(6)	45-1021	SIR TALBOT 18 (D,F) (Mrs F Percy-Davis) R Hannon 8-12	Dane O'Neill	95
212	(10)	5223100	ATLANTIC DESIRE 13 (D,F,G) (Atlantic Racing Ltd) M Johnston 8-11	J Weaver	97
213	(8)	3103	LORD EUROLINK 41 (S) (Eurolink Group Plc) J Dunlop 8-10	R Cochrane	95
214	(1)	1-16202	FUTURE PERFECT 18 (F,S) (R O M Racing) P Cole 8-9	C Rutter	97
215	(7)	13-1206	SOUTHERLY WIND 20 (F,G) (M Simmonds) Mrs J Ramsden 8-8	J Fortune	98
216	(5)	6612	PATRIOT GAMES 27 (F) (A Inglesby-Mackenzie) M Stoute 8-6	Paul Eddery	98
217	(15)	02-1	LABEO 20 (F) (H al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-6	R Hills	⊛
218	(16)	-103311	SWORD ARM 15 (V,F) (A Oppenheimer) R Charlton 8-2	T Sprake	⊛

BETTING: 9-2 Amyas, 7-1 Patriot Games, Southerly Wind, 8-1 Lord Eurolink, 10-1 Labeo, 12-1 Sword Arm, 14-1 Desert Horizon, Sir Talbot, Supply And Demand, 16-1 Al Azhar, Future Perfect, Priena, 20-1 others.

1996: FAHIM 8-13 R Hills (5-2 fav) A Stewart 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

BARBA PAPA best effort beat Alonso De Castille 2½l in conditions race at San Siro (1m 1f, very soft). PAPUA about 2½l 3rd of 6 to Lord Of Men in conditions race at Sandown (1m 2f, good to firm). SUPPLY AND DEMAND best effort beat Sheer Face 1¾l in handicap at Lingfield (1m 1f, soft). AMYAS 1l 4th of 16 to Memorise in handicap at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to firm) with ATLANTIC DESIRE (2lb better off) 5l 8th and PRIENA (2lb better off) 6l 10th. SIR TALBOT beat FUTURE PERFECT (3lb better off) 1½l in handicap at Windsor (1m 2f, good to firm). LABEO beat Rumoz 7l in 9-runner maiden at Lingfield (1m 1f, good to firm). SWORD ARM beat Blewbery Hill 1¼l in 4-runner handicap at Bath (1m 5yd, good to firm).
Selection: AMYAS (nap)

3.20 SCHRODERS GLORIOUS RATED HANDICAP — BBC2
(Listed race: £30,405: 1m 4f) (7 runners)

301	(3)	2011-35	MEDAILLE MILITAIRE 48 (BF,D,F,G,S) (J Hanson) J Dunlop 5-9-7	K Darley	91
302	(6)	01000-6	BAHAMIAN KNIGHT 16 (D,F) (Lucayan Stud) D Loder 4-9-6	Pat Eddery	89
303	(4)	1410-1	BRIGHT WATER 21 (F) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 4-9-6	K Fallon	94
304	(1)	0100-06	BETTER OFFER 20 (D,F,G) (Lady Harrison) Mrs A Perrett 5-8-12	J Reid	97
305	(2)	1236-03	BEAUCHAMP JADE 13 (D,F,G) (E Penser) H Candy 5-8-10	C Rutter	96
306	(5)	/12-360	HUMOURLESS 20 (BF,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 4-8-7	L Dettori	97
307	(7)	5444-20	BAHAMIAN SUNSHINE 42 (BF,S) (Lucayan Stud) R Akehurst 6-8-7	J Weaver	⊛

Long handicap: Humourless 8-6, Bahamian Sunshine 8-4.

BETTING: 2-1 Bright Water, 3-1 Humourless, 7-2 Beauchamp Jade, 7-1 Medaille Militaire, 8-1 others.

1996: SALMON LADDER 4-9-5 T Quinn (7-2 fav) P Cole 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

MEDAILLE MILITAIRE beat Ela-Luna ¾l in listed race at Doncaster (1m 4f, soft). BAHAMIAN KNIGHT 13l last of 6 to Lord Of Men in conditions race at Sandown (1m 2f, good to firm). BRIGHT WATER beat Maralinga 2l in conditions race at Chester (1m 2f 75yd, good to firm). BETTER OFFER beat Sheer Danzig 1¾l in handicap at Ascot (1m 4f, good). BEAUCHAMP JADE 2¾l 3rd to Aunt Lace in listed race at Newmarket (1m 4f, good). HUMOURLESS 1¾l 3rd to Hoh Express in handicap over course and distance (good).
Selection: BRIGHT WATER

3.50 JOCKEY CLUB OF KENYA MOLECOMB STAKES — BBC2
(Group III: 2-Y-O: £24,025: 5f) (13 runners)

401	(8)	305115	TIPPITT BOY 23 (D,F,S) (Highgrove Developments Ltd) K McAuliffe 9-3	J Reid	90
402	(6)	4	CHIEFTAIN 106 (BF) (M Tabor & Mrs J Magnier) M Callaghan 8-12	Pat Eddery	67
403	(1)	51	DISTINCT VINTAGE 17 (F) (E Nagell-Erichsen) R Hannon 8-12	R Hughes	81
404	(2)	3211	LADY ALEXANDER 19 (D,G,S) (M O'Callaghan) C Collins (Ire) 8-12	P Shanahan	⊛
405	(7)	14	OUAISNE 27 (D,G) (Matthews Breeding and Racing) R Guest 8-12	D Holland	–
406	(9)	5132	PURE COINCIDENCE 13 (D) (Mrs A Munnis) G Lewis 8-12	Paul Eddery	94
407	(5)	3124463	BANNINGHAM BLADE 13 (D,F,S) (Crown Select) K Ivory 8-7	B Doyle	92
408	(4)	210	COMPRADORE 44 (D,F) (Mrs J Watkins) M Blanshard 8-7	J Quinn	89
409	(13)	06001	GIPSY MOTH 10 (D,F) (Mrs J Cringle) B Meehan 8-7	M Tebbutt	89
410	(11)	411	ITS ALL RELATIVE 9 (D,F,S) (R Leah) J Berry 8-7	K Fallon	98
411	(12)	21012	MUGELLO 13 (D,F) (Mrs A Jarvis) A Jarvis 8-7	M Hills	98
412	(3)	45225	MYSTICISM 13 (Mrs C Britain) C Britain 8-7	L Dettori	83
413	(10)	1	PRINCESS NATALIE 34 (G,S) (M Barla's 5th Family Stoud) T Barron 8-7	K Darley	83

BETTING: 5-2 Lady Alexander, 7-1 Ouaisne, 8-1 Pure Coincidence, Mugello, 10-1 Chieftain, Princess Natalie, 12-1 Tippitt Boy, Distinct Vintage, Banningham Blade, Its All Relative, 14-1 others.

1996: CARMINE LAKE 8-7 J Reid (6-1) P Chapple-Hyam 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

TIPPITT BOY best effort beat Hopping Higgins short-head in group III Norfolk Stakes at Ascot (5f, good). CHIEFTAIN about 2l 4th of 6 to Second Wind in conditions race at Newmarket (5f, good to firm). DISTINCT VINTAGE beat Mystery Guest 8l in maiden at Brighton (6f, good). PURE COINCIDENCE best effort beat Legs Be Frendly 3½l in auction maiden at Southwell (AW, 5f). BANNINGHAM BLADE best effort about 3l 4th of 18 to Rudwah in group III Queen Mary Stakes at Ascot (5f, good to firm), with COMPRADORE 8¼l 9th and MUGELLO 9l 10th. ITS ALL RELATIVE beat Fast Tempo 7l in novice race at Bath (5f, firm).
Selection: TIPPITT BOY

4.25 EBF FOXHALL MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £7,198: 7f) (10 runners)

501	(7)	2	BERMUDA BOY 14 (Tracker Thoroughbreds) B Meehan 8-11	J Weaver	98
502	(1)		CHESTER HOUSE (K Abdulla) H Cecil 8-11	K Fallon	–
503	(2)		GENEROSITY (H R H Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 8-11	Pat Eddery	–
504	(10)	20	HADID 45 (H al-Maktoum) B Hills 8-11	R Hills	⊛
505	(9)		JUST IN TIME (Mrs P Merrick) T Mills 8-11	J Reid	–
506	(5)	2	NIGHT SHOT 28 (J Smith) I Balding 8-11	L Dettori	88
507	(4)	0	OCEAN LINE 9 (M Everett) A Jarvis 8-11	K Darley	77
508	(3)		SECRET ARCHIVE (M Sohail) R Hannon 8-11	R Hughes	–
509	(6)	06	TOP MAITE 27 (Top Maite Partnership) A Foster 8-11	A Whelan (3)	80
510	(8)	4	WILDCAT 20 (G Teo) R Hannon 8-11	Paul Eddery	91

BETTING: 5-4 Chester House, 7-2 Generosity, 9-2 Bermuda Boy, 8-1 Night Shot, 10-1 Hadid, 12-1 others.

1996: DICKIE BIRD 8-11 Pat Eddery (7-2) R Hannon 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

BERMUDA BOY neck 2nd of 6 to Hujoom in novice race at Salisbury (7f, firm). CHESTER HOUSE, by Mr Prospector, first foal out of the useful 6f-7f winner Toussaud. HADID best effort ¾l 2nd of 10 to Compradore in maiden at Newbury (5f, good to firm) on penultimate start. NIGHT SHOT 6l 2nd to Dockside in maiden at Salisbury (7f, good to firm). WILDCAT 9l 4th to Cerisette in novice race at Lingfield (7f, good to firm).
Selection: HADID

5.00 CHICHESTER CITY HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £7,310: 5f) (10 runners)

601	(6)	3166002	DANCETHENIGHTAWAY 15 (D,F,S) (G Bosley) B Meehan 9-7	G Hannon (7)	98
602	(1)	1110036	BRUTAL FANTASY 21 (D,F,G) (Diamond Racing Ltd) J Eyre 9-3	R Winston (7)	91
603	(4)	10-2404	SABINA 15 (BF,G) (The Queen) I Balding 9-3	L Dettori	95
604	(7)	3000620	RUDI'S PET 27 (B,D,G) (Broadgate Partnership) R Hannon 9-2	Pat Eddery	⊛
605	(8)	0620003	SWINO 21 (V,D,F) (Swinnerton Transport Ltd) P Evans 9-0	J F Egan	98
606	(3)	1041040	CAUDA EQUINA 14 (D,F,G,S) (M Foy) M Channon 9-0	R Hughes	97
607	(5)	31-0	ANTONIA'S CHOICE 92 (D,G) (Mrs C Deuters) J Berry 8-12	C Lowther (5)	80
608	(10)	34163-6	GAELIC STORM 44 (D,F) (H C Racing Club) M Johnston 8-12	J Weaver	95
609	(9)	0136636	ANOKATO 8 (B,D,F) (K Ivory) K Ivory 8-2	B Doyle	96
610	(2)	3120440	TEAR WHITE 4 (D,F) (A Lawson & Co Ltd) T Mills 8-1	J Quinn	96

BETTING: 5-2 Sabina, 7-2 Dancethenightaway, 6-1 Swino, 7-1 Rudi's Pet, 8-1 Cauda Equina, 10-1 others.

1996: CLAN CHIEF 8-5 T Quinn (9-4 fav) J Arnold 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

DANCETHENIGHTAWAY best effort beat Mangus 3l in handicap at Chester (5f, soft) May 97, with SABINA (7lb better off) 6¾l 4th, SWINO (10lb better off) 9l 6th and RUDI'S PET (17lb better off) 13l 12th. BRUTAL FANTASY best effort 4¾l 3rd of 10 to Double Action in handicap at Ripon (6f, good) on penultimate start, with GAELIC STORM 11¾l 6th. CAUDA EQUINA best effort beat Style Dancer ¾l in handicap at Ripon (6f, good). ANTONIA'S CHOICE beat Swift Refusal 3l in maiden at Chester (5f, good) on penultimate start.
Selection: BRUTAL FANTASY

5.35 KINRARA APPRENTICE LIMITED STAKES (£6,710: 6f) (6 runners)

1	(4)	0135102	PALACEGATE TOUCH 9 (B,D,F,G,S) (Laurel Ltd) J Berry 7-9-7	C Lowther (3)	⊛
2	(2)	1033031	SO INTREPID 31 (D,F,G,S) (E Hayward) J Bradley 7-9-4	R Ffrench	95
3	(5)	-002112	ALMASI 14 (BF,D,F,G,S) (Equeme Partnership) C Wall 5-9-1	Jo Hunnam (3)	94
4	(3)	00-0004	MOI CANARD 4 (D,F) (B Gray) B Pearce 4-8-12	Aimee Cook	66
5	(6)	5000003	SCISSOR RIDGE 6 (C,D,F) (D Smith) J Bridger 5-8-12	P Doe (5)	79
6	(1)	3031065	SUPERLAO 4 (F,S) (J Walley) J Bridger 5-8-12	A Daly	84

BETTING: 7-4 So Intrepid, 9-4 Almasi, 3-1 Palacegate Touch, 10-1 Scissor Ridge, Superlao, 20-1 Moi Canard.

1996: HAWA AL NASAMAAT 4-8-12 Dane O'Neill (11-4 fav) E Dunlop 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

PALACEGATE TOUCH 2l 2nd of 8 to Top Of The Form in claimer at Catterick (6f, good to firm). SO INTREPID beat Rons In The Family ½l in 13-runner handicap at Chepstow (5f, soft). ALMASI ¾l 2nd of 5 to Always On My Mind in handicap at Newmarket (6f, good to soft). MOI CANARD about 2¾l 4th of 13 to Chalice in handicap at Brighton (5f 59yd, good to firm). SCISSOR RIDGE about 1½l 3rd of 9 to Sailey Ana in handicap at Lingfield (7f 140yd, good to firm). SUPERLAO 5¾l 6th of 14 to Ella Lamees in handicap at Windsor (6f, good to firm).
Selection: SO INTREPID

ASCOT

THUNDERER
6.00 Glow Forum. 6.30 General Haven. 7.00 Law Commission. 7.30 The Honourable Lady. 8.05 Dodo. 8.35 Marsul.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) — SIS
DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

6.00 BUCKINGHAM PALACE APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£4,119: 1m 4f) (7 runners)

1	(3)	1603	OPERA BUFF 21 (D,F,S) Miss G Kelleway 6-10-0	J Wilkinson	97
2	(6)	6821	PASSING STRANGERS 14 (D,F) P Hiatt 4-9-13	D McGaffin (3)	90
3	(5)	2131	GLOW FORUM 21 (D,F,S) L Montague Hall 5-9-7	D Hayden (3)	96
4	(4)	4624	GOLD DESIRE 7 (F,G,S) M Brittain 7-9-2	D Meredith (3)	95
5	(7)	6340	ROCK THE BARNEY 9 (D,F,G) M Usher 8-9-9	S Carson (5)	94
6	(2)	0100	ZORRO 21 (BF,F) R Flower 3-8-7	G Milligan	⊛
7	(1)	-000	BEST ROSE 30 M Fetherston-Godley 3-7-10	K Sked	91

5-2 Passing Strangers, 3-1 Glow Forum, 4-1 Opera Buff, 9-2 Gold Desire, 6-1 Rock The Barney, 12-1 Zorro, 33-1 Best Rose.

6.30 EVENING STANDARD HANDICAP — SKY
(£5,628: 1m 2f) (8)

1	(1)	6010	MATTIMEO 13 (D,F,G) A Jarvis 4-10-0	K Darley	91
2	(3)	-186	NORTH REEF 39 (D,F,S) J Pearce 6-9-12	M Wigham	96
3	(6)	0580	PISTOL 13 (D,F,G) C Horgan 7-9-11	Pat Eddery	91
4	(7)	6112	ISLAND SANCTUARY 35 (G) P Makin 3-9-10	L Dettori	95
5	(4)	0300	GENERAL HAVEN 8 (G) T Naughton 4-9-9	T Sprake	⊛
6	(5)	3011	REGAL REPRIMAND 11 (D,F) G Lewis 3-9-1 (6ex)	Paul Eddery	93
7	(2)	245-	CELEBRANT 342 A Hide 3-8-12	R Cochrane	90
8	(5)	5004	SOAKING 48 (F) M Usher 7-8-1	S Carson (7)	96

9-4 Island Sanctuary, 3-1 Regal Reprimand, 6-1 General Haven, 7-1 Mattimeo, 8-1 North Reef, 10-1 Pistol, Soaking, 14-1 Celebrant.

7.00 SANATOGEN RATED HANDICAP — SKY
(£6,313: 7f) (10)

1	(7)	0562	CHICKAWICKA 30 (D,G,S) B Palling 6-9-7	D Sweeney (5)	98
2	(9)	0006	KAYVEE 6 (C,D,F,G,S) Mrs A Perrett 8-9-2	A Clark	98
3	(4)	6000	PATSY GRIMES 34 (D,F,G,S) J S Moore 7-9-1	L Dettori	93
4	(2)	0065	LAW COMMISSION 7 (C,D,F) D Elsworth 7-9-1	K Fallon	⊛
5	(10)	-051	ALMUHIMM 13 (D,F) T Barron 5-8-12	K Darley	95
6	(3)	2532	CHEMIT 21 (BF,D,F) G L Moore 5-8-8	Candy Morris	97
7	(1)	-006	REDWING 20 (D,G) J Dunlop 7-8-6	Pat Eddery	97
8	(8)	40-0	WAIT FOR ROSE 10 (F) V Soane 3-8-6	J Quinn	96
9	(6)	31	SWEET FORTUNE 20 (D,G) M Stoute 3-8-5	J Reid	97
10	(5)	0320	SONG OF SKYE 2 (BF,F) T Naughton 3-8-1	T Sprake	95

11-4 Sweet Fortune, 9-2 Almuhimm, 6-1 Redwing, 7-1 Chemit, Song Of Skye, 8-1 Chickawicka, Law Commission, 10-1 others.

7.30 OKEEFE CHALLENGE NURSERY HANDICAP — SKY
(2-Y-O: £5,784: 7f) (10)

1	(4)	521	COMMANDER CHARLIE 16 (D,G) I Balding 9-7	Pat Eddery	92
2	(9)	31	HUJOOM 14 (D,F) J Dunlop 9-6	L Dettori	90
3	(10)	1342	SEA MAGIC 13 (S) B Hills 9-6	J Reid	93
4	(5)	0033	RESPOND 22 G L Moore 8-11	A Clark	89
5	(7)	004	WATER FORCE 27 G Balding 8-9	T Sprake	90
6	(6)	3321	COUNTRY GARDEN 18 (D,F) R Hannon 8-8	K Darley	90
7	(8)	450	RINGLEADER 39 P Cole 8-8	R Cochrane	98-
8	(2)	6140	ISLAND GIRL 20 (G) D Arbuthnot 8-2	R Ffrench (3)	93
9	(1)	5333	BALI DANCE 6 C Booth 7-13	R Winston (7)	97
10	(3)	2631	THE HONORABLE LADY 10 (D,F) M Channon 7-11 (5ex)	J Quinn	⊛

3-1 Hujoom, 4-1 Commander Charlie, 5-1 Country Garden, 6-1 Sea Magic, 7-1 Bali Dance, 8-1 The Honorable Lady, 10-1 Respond, 12-1 others.

8.05 GOLDEN GATES MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
(2-Y-O: £5,862: 6f) (10)

1	(5)		COALMINERSDAUGHTER J Hills 8-11	A Clark	–
2	(1)	0	COSMIC COUNTESS 22 M Jarvis 8-11	R Cochrane	81
3	(8)	542	DODO 18 D Elsworth 8-11	K Fallon	⊛
4	(10)		FLUSH J Hills 8-11	M Henry (3)	–
5	(7)		HONEY STORM M Channon 8-11	J F Egan	–
6	(9)		MAGIC SPRING K McAuliffe 8-11	J Reid	–
7	(4)		NANOUSHKA R Hannon 8-11	Paul Eddery	–
8	(3)	3	NIGHT OWL 14 R Charlton 8-11	T Sprake	86
9	(2)		OH HEBE P Harris 8-11	Pat Eddery	–
10	(6)		WIGGING N Graham 8-11	K Darley	–

15-8 Night Owl, 4-1 Dodo, 6-1 Wigging, 8-1 Flush, Nanoushka, 10-1 Cosmic Countess, Oh Hebe, 16-1 others.

8.35 CLASSIC FM MAGAZINE MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £5,576: 1m 4f) (6)

1	(4)	3	GHILLIES BALL 24 R Charlton 9-0	T Sprake	83
2	(6)	0-43	MARSUL 10 J Gosden 9-0	L Dettori	86
3	(1)	0440	ALCALALI 27 P Kelleway 8-9	J Reid	⊛
4	(5)	0	BACK ROW 46 L Cumani 8-9	K Darley	–
5	(2)	2322	NIGHTLARK 24 (BF) D Loder 8-9	Pat Eddery	92
6	(3)	05	VEUVE CLICQUOT 28 R Armstrong 8-9	M Roberts	66

2-1 Nightlark, 3-1 Alcalali, 4-1 Marsul, 5-1 Ghillies Ball, 7-1 Back Row, 16-1 Veuve Clicquot.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Dunlop, 27 winners from 151 runners, 17.9%, P Cole, 18 from 118, 15.9%, J Gosden, 19 from 125, 15.2%, L Cumani, 7 from 62, 11.3%, M Stoute, 18 from 162, 11.1%.

JOCKEYS: L Dettori, 37 winners from 233 rides, 15.9%, Pat Eddery, 34 from 261, 13.0%; J Reid, 28 from 236, 11.9%. Only qualifiers.

SALISBURY

THUNDERER
5.50 Bold Tina. 6.20 Courbaril. 6.50 Wrekin Pilot. 7.20 Tycoon Girl. 7.50 Salty Behaviour. 8.20 O Factor.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES) — SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

5.50 NEWNHAM MAIDEN STAKES
(£3,678: 6f) (10 runners)

1	000-	JADES SHADOW 336 J Bridger 4-9-2	M Henry (7) 2
2	02	TAFTS WELL 25 R Akehurst 4-9-2	M Tebbutt 6
3	00	BORRADOR 22 P Cundell 3-8-12	J Lowe 3
4	0366	BUTRINTO 14 (BF) B Hern 3-8-12	D Holland 10
5	600	FIRST PRINCIPLE 117 C Wall 3-8-12	[illegible] 2
6		HAWKSBILL HENRY Mrs A Perrett 3-8-12	Gaye Harwood (7) 9
7	4	TURNERS WAY 22 S Dow 3-8-12	D O'Donohoe (3) 4
8	06	BEAUCATCHER 20 M Heaton-Ellis 3-8-7	S Drowne 1
9	3000	BOLD TINA 11 R Hannon 3-8-7	Dane O'Neill 5
10	400	MISTY POINT 27 I Balding 3-8-7	S Whitworth 7

3-1 Tafts Well, 7-2 Butrinto, 5-1 Bold Tina, 6-1 Misty Point, 7-1 Hawksbill Henry, 9-1 Turners Way, 10-1 First Principle, 12-1 others.

6.20 SPIRE FM HANDICAP (£3,035: 1m 5f) (11)

1	306	HEIGHT OF HEIGHTS 34 Lady Herries 4-9-11	D Holland 4
2	5642	DURHAM 13 (B,D,F,G) G L Moore 6-9-3	S Whitworth 5
3	R22-	COURBARIL 1073 (B,F,S) M Pipe 5-9-2	R Hughes 3
4	6004	FABULOUS MTOTO 7 (F,G) M Saunders 7-9-0	J Fortune 8
5	4394	COH SHO NO 9 (F) S Dow 4-8-12	Dane O'Neill 6
6	0000	SERIOUS TRUST 22 (C,F) Mrs L Jewell 4-8-8	Sophie Mitchell 10
7	5334	ROSE OF GLENN 13 (D,F,G) B Palling 6-8-2	C Rutter 2
8	2350	COURAGEOUS KNIGHT 7 (F) P Hayward 8-8-0	M Henry (7) 1
9	0-22	HILLSWICK 20 J King 6-7-12	[illegible] (5) 9
10	00-	TOMMY COOPER 553 (V) Mrs B Waring 6-7-11	F Norton 11
11	0003	OSCAR ROSE 25 M Bolton 4-7-10	N Carlisle 7

5-2 Courbaril, 4-1 Durham, 5-1 Hillswick, 6-1 Coh Sho No, 10-1 Height Of Heights, Fabulous Mtoto, 12-1 Courageous Knight, Rose Of Glenn, 14-1 others.

6.50 TRINITY CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,651: 6f) (5)

1	215	HILL MAGIC 13 (D,F) D Elsworth 9-0	J Fortune 2
2	6142	WREKIN PILOT 13 (G) R Hannon 9-0	Dane O'Neill 5
3	321	LIDO 15 (D,F) B Hills 8-10	D Holland 3
4	4	MUSHRAAF 35 J Dunlop 8-10	B Doyle 4
5	50	CELESTIAL BAY 10 A Foster 8-5	M Tebbutt 1

15-8 Wrekin Pilot, 9-4 Mushraaf, 7-2 Hill Magic, 9-2 Lido, 10-1 Celestial Bay.

7.20 GUINNESS HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,207: 1m [illegible]) (9)

1	3005	TYCOON GIRL 9 (F) B Meehan 9-7	M Tebbutt 7
2	400	BOGAN 24 Lord Huntingdon 9-2	B Doyle 9
3	200	ROCKY DANCE 18 A Jarvis 9-1	S Drowne 8
4	2405	FREE AS A BIRD 20 M Channon 8-11	R Hughes 2
5	3501	POLARIZE 7 (B,D,E,S) T Barron 8-9 (5ex)	J Fortune 5
6	5050	BALLADARA 27 P Harris 8-7	Dane O'Neill 6
7	0401	RACING HEART 13 (D,F) P Makin 8-4	D Holland 4
8	5024	WARRIOR KING 15 C Dwyer 7-12	D Williams (7) 3
9	0050	ISCA MAIDEN 20 P Hayward 7-10	N Adams 1

5-2 Racing Heart, 7-2 Polarize, 5-1 Tycoon Girl, 6-1 Free As A Bird, 8-1 Warrior King, 9-1 Rocky Dance, 14-1 Bogan, Balladara, 33-1 Isca Maiden.

7.50 DOWNING CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,679: 6f) (12)

1	01-0	SALTY BEHAVIOUR 89 (C,D,F,S) R Hannon 9-4	Dane O'Neill 4
2	5140	BROADWAY MELODY 2 (D) A Jarvis 8-9	J Lowe 10
3	3440	MOON SONG 14 A Jarvis 8-9	S Drowne 6
4		GLEN OGIL I Balding 8-6	S Whitworth 7
5		COPENHAGEN J Akehurst 7-5	M Tebbutt 1
6	0000	DORADO BEACH 18 L Cottrell 8-8	N Carlisle 3
7	3440	PRINCE OF FORTUNE 8 M Blanshard 8-4	N Adams 8
8	6062	GUNNERS GLORY 13 (B,F) B Meehan 8-2	D Biggs 5
9	00	MOREDUN 9 I Balding 8-2	C Rutter 11
10	5000	HEAVENLY MISS 11 (D,F) J Bridger 8-1	A Daly (5) 2
11	3005	PETITE DANSEUSE 17 (F) C Dwyer 8-1	N Varley 12
12	6000	WHIZZ KID 11 (F) J Bridger 7-11	P Doe (7) 9

5-2 Salty Behaviour, 5-1 Gunners Glory, 6-1 Moon Song, 7-1 Broadway Melody, 8-1 Prince Of Fortune, 10-1 Glen Ogil, Petite Danseuse, 12-1 others.

8.20 MAGDALENE FILLIES HANDICAP
(£3,886: 6f 212yd) (9)

1	3106	O FACTOR 14 (D,F,S) D Haydn Jones 5-10-0	S Drowne 5
2	6560	BLUES QUEEN 4 (F) M Channon 3-9-8	R Hughes 8
3	04-1	KARAWAN 45 (D,G) J Gosden 3-9-6	G Hind 9
4	0461	LA DOLCE VITA 9 (D,G) T Barron 3-9-2 (6ex)	J Fortune 6
5	3223	CALAMANDER 18 W Muir 3-8-9	D O'Donohoe (3) 7
6	0-14	GOOD NEWS 46 (B,D,F) M Madgwick 3-8-6	N Varley 3
7	2544	NEWLANDS CORNER 37 (B,C,F) J Akehurst 4-8-6	M Tebbutt 1
8	0243	OCTAVIA HILL 17 P Harris 4-8-2	C Lowther (5) 4
9	500	MAGAONA 52 R Hannon 3-8-2	Dane O'Neill 2

11-4 Karawan, 9-2 La Dolce Vita, 5-1 Calamander, 6-1 Octavia Hill, 7-1 Newlands Corner, 8-1 Good News, 10-1 O Factor, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Gosden, 12 winners from 48 runners, 25.0%, Lord Huntingdon, 13 from 60, 21.7%, M Pipe, 4 from 21, 19.0%, J Dunlop, 18 from 118, 15.3%, I Balding, 16 from 117, 13.7%.

JOCKEYS: B Doyle, 10 winners from 63 rides, 15.9%, R Hughes, 14 from 88, 15.9%; N Varley, 6 from 39, 15.4%, M Henry, 6 from 42, 14.3%, D Holland, 7 from 49, 14.3%.

NEWMARKET

THUNDERER
6.10 Golden Ace. 6.40 Chris's Lad. 7.10 Mr Bergerac. 7.40 Conspiracy. 8.10 Golden Touch. 8.40 Elshamms.

GOING: GOOD — DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE — SIS

6.10 SIDE HILL SELLING STAKES — SKY
(£3,818: 1m) (6 runners)

1	0040	ROYAL ACCLAIM 6 (V,D,F,S) K Burke 12-9-9	Emily Joyce (7) 1
2	0003	GOLDEN ACE 9 (D,S) R Hannon 4-9-4	D Harrison 4
3	1060	CORAL ISLAND 16 (D,F) J FitzGerald 3-9-2	W Ryan 2
4	56U5	ROSALEE ROYALE 16 John Berry 5-8-13	M Fenton 6
5	06	PETUNTSE 9 (E) J G Smyth-Osbourne 3-8-11	W J O'Connor 5
6	30	WINDY TREAT 25 E Dunlop 3-8-11	G Carter 3

9-4 Golden Ace, 3-1 Coral Island, Windy Treat, 6-1 Rosalee Royale, 10-1 others.

6.40 LUCINDA STOPFORD SACKVILLE LADIES HANDICAP — SKY
(£3,850: 1m 4f) (9)

1	0014	INFATUATION 13 (D,G) Lady Herries 4-11-7	Mrs M Cowdrey 5
2	5424	TOI TOI 9 D Arbuthnot 3-10-10	Mrs D Arbuthnot 1
3	1000	NOSEY NATIVE 7 (D,F,S) J Pearce 4-10-6	Mrs L Pearce 2
4	6032	AUGUSTAN 7 (BF,D,F,S) S Gollings 6-10-1	Miss D Jones 3
5	0465	ENGLISH INVADER 15 (D,S) C Dwyer 6-10-0	Mrs C Williams (5) 7
6	0003	CHRIS'S LAD 7 (B,C,D,F,G,S) B Meehan 6-9-13	Miss J Allison 4
7	5342	MADISON WELCOME 28 Mrs Ramsden 3-9-12	Miss Ramsden (5) 9
8	003	PRINCESS TOPAZ 8 C Cyzer 3-9-10	Mrs S Bosley 8
9	2106	DON'T DROP BOMBS 41 (V,D,F,S) D Thom 8-9-1	Miss J Feilden 6

7-2 Infatuation, 9-2 Madison Welcome, 5-1 Augustan, Chris's Lad, 6-1 others.

7.10 VARDY CONTINENTAL HANDICAP — SKY
(£5,873: 6f) (13)

1	0500	CONCER UN 18 (F,G,S) S C Williams 5-10-0	G Carter 4
2	1340	EASTERN PROPHETS 55 (D,F,S) G Lewis 4-9-8	A Whelan (3) 9
3	-285	SHAMANIC 7 (D,F,G) S Woods 5-9-7	W Ryan 8
4	4003	TAOISTE 16 (G) R Armstrong 4-9-7	R Price 10
5	1031	LITERARY SOCIETY 14 (D,F,G) J Toller 4-9-6	S Sanders 13
6	6035	MR BERGERAC 2 (BF,C,D,F,G,S) B Palling 6-9-5	D Harrison 12
7	0400	JENNELLE 13 (F,S) C Dwyer 3-9-4	K Rutter 8
8	41-	AL MUALLIM 287 (D,G) J W Payne 3-9-1	A McGlone 3
9	4423	GREY KINGDOM 7 (D,G,S) M Brittain 6-9-0	A Munro 1
10	0160	BAYIN 9 (D,F,G,S) M Usher 8-8-4	R Street 7
11	0310	RIFIFI 39 (BF,D,G) R Ingram 4-8-3	D R McCabe 2
12	0110	WATCH THE FIRE 14 (D,F,G,S) J Banks 4-8-3	R Mullen (5) 11
13	4211	RESIST THE FORCE 4 (D,F) C Cyzer 7-8-1 (7ex)	G Duffield 5

5-1 Literary Society, 6-1 Grey Kingdom, Taoiste, 8-1 Resist The Force, 10-1 others.

7.40 ANTEC VIRKON FILLIES CONDITIONS STAKES — SKY
(£5,402: 6f) (3)

1	011-1	CAUTION 1 (D,F) S Gollings 3-9-0	W Ryan 3
2	-680	CONSPIRACY 24 (F) J Dunlop 3-8-8	G Carter 2
3	2-00	DAME LAURA 80 (G) H Morrison 3-8-8	D Harrison 1

5-4 Conspiracy, 7-4 Dame Laura, 11-4 Caution.

8.10 BRITAM INTERNATIONAL HANDICAP
(£4,110: 1m 2f) (17)

1	1830	ALSAHIB 27 W Muir 4-9-10	W J O'Connor 12
2	1065	WESTMINSTER 4 (V,F,S) M Tompkins 5-9-9	A McGlone 7
3	4100	BUBBLY 48 (F) J Dunlop 3-9-7	G Carter 17
4	1215	GUESSTIMATION 16 (D,BF,F,G,S) J Pearce 8-9-5	C Teague (3) 2
5	3262	MARDREW 13 R Hannon 3-9-2	S Sanders 13
6	5402	COUNT TONY 21 (F) S Woods 3-9-2	W Ryan 10
7	00-6	GROVEFAIR VENTURE 13 K Mahdi 3-9-1	M Rimmer 3
8	3056	GOLDEN TOUCH 35 (D,F) D Cosgrove 5-9-0	J Weaver 6
9	1003	COLD STEEL 14 (B) W Jarvis 3-8-13	R Hills 11
10	1330	MONTE CAVO 3 (C,S) M Brittain 6-8-12	G Bardwell 9
11	060-	STRICTLY HARD 265 G Bravery 3-8-9	D R McCabe 14
12	4221	JONA HOLLEY 30 (D,S) G L Moore 4-8-9	M Fenton 16
13	2246	CUBAN REEF 15 (D,F) W Musson 5-8-8	D Harrison 15
14	4453	CASTLES BURNING 8 C Cyzer 3-8-5	A Whelan (3) 4
15	4031	SNOWY MANTLE 7 (F,G) J Bethell 4-8-3 (6ex)	R Mullen (5) 1
16	2500	CAPTAIN MARMALADE 7 (D,G) D Thom 8-8-1	G Duffield 5
17	5640	MERCURY 14 J Glover 4-8-1	R Price 8

6-1 Snowy Mantle, 7-1 Jona Holley, 8-1 Westminster, Mardrew, Cold Steel, 10-1 Bubbly, Count Tony, Golden Touch, Castles Burning, 12-1 others.

8.40 EBF BEACON MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,175: 7f) (15)

1		ECO FRIENDLY J Fanshawe 9-0	D Harrison 5
2		FIRST CONSUL M Stoute 9-0	K Bradshaw 4
3		FLIGHT L Cumani 9-0	J Weaver 6
4		FORTY LOVE J Banks 9-0	G Faulkner (5) 14
5		HASTATE W Jarvis 9-0	W Ryan 10
6	0	PRODIGAL SON 16 R Williams 9-0	G Duffield 13
7	0	RABAH 21 (BF) J Dunlop 9-0	G Carter 15
8	0	RIVER BEAT 24 M Tompkins 9-0	A McGlone 11
9		SHAAMO ROMANCE M Bell 9-0	M Fenton 7
10		SPEAKER'S CHAIR R Charlton 9-0	W J O'Connor 8
11		TAVERNER SOCIETY R Armstrong 9-0	R Price 1
12		ELSHAMMS A Stewart 8-9	R Hills 2
13		FIVE FAIRIES N Callaghan 8-9	G Bardwell 9
14		GUENIVITE D Loder 8-9	P McCabe (3) 12
15	0	O'KELLY 39 R Guest 8-9	P Bloomfield 3

7-2 Flight, 9-2 Guenivite, 6-1 Rabah, 8-1 First Consul, Speaker's Chair, 10-1 Shaamo Romance, Elshamms, 12-1 others.

BANGOR

THUNDERER
2.35 Acquittal. 3.10 Demoniac. 3.40 Sheriff. 4.15 Glamanglitz. 4.45 Totally Yours. 5.20 Real Fire.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES) — SIS

2.35 NSPCC CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,274: 2m 1f) (12 runners)

1	0-B1	CADDY'S FIRST 20 (F) S Mellor 5-11-10	C Webb
2	14U-	NIGHT BOAT 90 (CD,G) W Clay 6-11-9	Michael Brennan
3	/P/3	ARABOYBILL 18 J Neville 6-11-7	G Hogan
4	-304	NEVER SO BLUE 20 (B,F) P Bradley 6-11-4	E Husband
5	30-0	COLWAY PRINCE 6 (F,G,S) A P Jones 9-11-2	L Aspell
6	F-PP	ROYAL SILVER 33 B Preece 6-11-0	J Mogford (5)
7	4-20	FOLLOW DE CALL 20 D McCain 7-10-13	A Egan (5)
8	21F-	GREEN'S SEAGO 344 (BF,D,F) H Kavanagh 9-10-13	T Dascombe
9	045-	GLEN GARNOCK 63F R Juckes 5-10-10	R Massey
10	/05/	REGAL RAMBLER 485 L Barratt 6-10-8	L Cummins (3)
11	0/P-	ACQUITTAL 20F (V) A Streeter 5-10-7	D Parker
12	/F6P	BETTER WIND 23 C J Price 8-10-0	O Burrows (3)

7-2 Caddy's First, 5-1 Araboybill, 6-1 Night Boat, Never So Blue, Green's Seago, 8-1 Glen Garnock, 10-1 Colway Prince, 12-1 others.

3.10 CHRONICLE NEWSPAPERS NOVICES CHASE
(£3,388: 3m 110yd) (4)

1	-F12	BAYERD 14 (F,S) J O'Shea 6-11-0	Michael Brennan (3)
2	21-F	DEMONIAC 35 (V,BF,D,G) M Pipe 6-11-0	A P McCoy
3	6-34	SIGMA WIRELESS 10 (B,F,G) T Forster 8-11-0	S Wynne
4	PPR-	TONY'S FEELINGS 97P (D,F) Mrs D Thomson 9-11-0	A Thornton

4-5 Demoniac, 5-2 Sigma Wireless, 4-1 Bayerd, 50-1 Tony's Feelings.

3.40 WREXHAM LAGER HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,388: 2m 4f) (4)

1	/4-1	SHERIFF 16 (C,D,F,G) J Hills 6-11-12	C Llewellyn
2	15-6	CHIEF MOUSE 14F (D,F,G) F Jordan 4-11-2	A P McCoy
3	2332	HACKETTS CROSS 6 (B,D,F) P Eccles 9-10-3	R Johnson
4	25-5	RAVEN'S ROOST 10 (C,F) G E Jones 6-10-0	Mr R Thornton (5)

5-6 Sheriff, 3-1 Chief Mouse, 9-2 Raven's Roost, 11-2 Hacketts Cross.

4.15 DAILY POST NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,436: 2m 4f 110yd) (5)

1	-213	GLAMANGLITZ 23 (BF,F,G) P Dalton 7-12-0	B Fenton
2	PP-2	KING OF SHADOWS 33 (D,G) R Hollinshead 10-11-3	Gary Lyons
3	00-3	WELL ARMED 14F (B,BF,S) J J O'Neill 6-11-0	A P McCoy
4	F6-0	TOTAL ASSET 16 A Forbes 7-10-0	Michael Brennan (3)
5	00-P	CATWALKER 34 F Lee 6-10-0	R Johnson

6-4 Glamanglitz, 2-1 King Of Shadows, 5-2 Well Armed, 16-1 others.

4.45 MODO MERCHANTS NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,211: 2m 1f) (9)

1	12	TOTALLY YOURS 16 (B,BF,F) M Pipe 4-11-0	A P McCoy
2	0	SOON COME 16 G Richards 5-10-12	A Dobbin
3	45	IT'S WALLACE 16 J Poulton 4-10-9	J Culloty
4		THENORTHERNPLAYBOY 37F T Wall 4-10-9	S Wynne
5		YOUNG DALESMAN 27F A Streeter 4-10-9	T Eley
6		FRIENDLY BREEZE Mrs S Smith 5-10-7	R Wilkinson (5)
7		HARRY'S TREAT 44F (B) R Juckes 5-10-7	Gary Lyons
8	0	RAW DEAL 21F B Preece 4-10-4	R Farrant
9		THE FULLBANGLADESH 165F Mrs S Smith 4-10-4	G F Ryan (5)

4-9 Totally Yours, 5-1 The Fullbangladesh, 6-1 Soon Come, 10-1 It's Wallace, 12-1 Friendly Breeze, 14-1 Young Dalesman, 16-1 others.

5.20 MFM & MARCHER GOLD JUVENILE CLAIMING HURDLE (3-Y-O: £2,220: 2m 1f) (7)

1		DAWN SUMMIT 25F P Bradley 11-0	R Johnson
2		DEWI SANT 25F D Burchell 10-11	D J Burchell
3		PROPELLANT 39F C Thornton 10-11	M Foster
4		LITTLE TUCKER 170F B Preece 10-8	J Mogford (7)
5		REAL FIRE 33F M Meagher 10-5	F Leahy (3)
6		HOH DOWN 20F R Juckes 10-3	Gary Lyons
7		SOVEREIGN 63F M Muggeridge 10-0	B Powell

5-4 Dawn Summit, 3-1 Real Fire, 9-2 Propellant, 7-1 Hoh Down, 8-1 Dewi Sant, 10-1 Sovereign, 16-1 Little Tucker.

☐ Charlie Brooks, the Lambourn trainer, attempts to maintain his 100 per cent record at Clairefontaine when he saddles Florid for the 18-runner £6,173 Prix de Pennedepie, a 2¼-mile hurdle, at the Deauville track today. His four previous runners have won.

THIRSK

THUNDERER
2.25 Grand Chapeau. 2.55 Baby Grand. 3.30 Chairmans Daughter. 4.00 Beguine. 4.30 I'm Tef. 5.05 Fancy A Fortune.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN STRAIGHT)
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST — SIS

2.25 GO RACING IN YORKSHIRE HANDICAP
(£2,398: 6f) (15 runners)

1	6321	BENZOE 7 (C,D,F,G,S) Mrs J Ramsden 7-10-5 (7ex)	D Harrison 12
2	0144	THE HAPPY FOX 7 (B,D,F) B McMahon 5-9-12	L Newton 9
3	1203	BOWLERS BOY 6 (D,F,S) J J Quinn 4-9-11	G Parkin (5) 5
4	1166	SMOKEY FROM CAPLAW 13 (C,D,F,G) J J O'Neill 3-9-9	R Lappin 13
5	6232	THWAAB 20 (B,D,F,G) F Watson 5-9-5	G Hind 2
6	5001	SPOTTED EAGLE 16 (D,F,G) D Nicholls 4-9-0	Alex Greaves 7
7	2130	MERANTI 9 (C,D,F,G) J Bradley 4-9-0	G Carter 8
8	0363	AMRON 11 (D,F,G,S) J Berry 10-9-0	T E Durcan (3) 11
9	5303	U-NO-HARRY 14 (C,D,F) R Hollinshead 4-9-10	F Lynch 1
10	04520	JOHAYRO 9 (D,F,G) J Goldie 4-8-12	A Culhane 14
11	0350	RICH GLOW 6 (F,G,S) N Bycroft 6-8-6	J Carroll 6
12	4164	SOUPERFICIAL 15 (V,D,F,S) N Tinkler 6-8-5	Kim Tinkler 10
13	6042	GRAND CHAPEAU 7 (D,F,G) D Nicholls 5-8-2	S Sanders 15
14	3623	CAMIONNEUR 7 (B,D,F) T Easterby 4-8-1	L Charnock 3
15	3012	YOUNG BEN 9 (B,F) J Wainwright 5-7-10	T Williams 4

3-1 Grand Chapeau, 11-2 Amron, 6-1 Benzoe, 8-1 The Happy Fox, Camionneur, 10-1 U-No-Harry, 12-1 Bowlers Boy, Smokey From Caplaw, Thwaab, Rich Glow, [illegible], 14-1 others.

2.55 LEWIS GEIPEL MEMORIAL CHALLENGE CUP NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,625: 5f) (8)

1	2144	YORKIES BOY 13 (D,F) B McMahon 9-7	L Newton 2
2	1115	BABY GRAND 20 (D,F,G) T Barron 8-10	Kimberley Hart (5) 7
3	5422	CUMBRIAN CADET 17 (B) T Easterby 8-4	J Carroll 4
4	2311	ORIEL GIRL 14 (V,D,F,S) P Evans 7-11	P Fessey (3) 3
5	544	BOW PEEP 42 M W Easterby 7-10	Dale Gibson 6
6	054	SHALYAH 18 Mrs J Ramsden 7-10	R Mullen (5) 1
7	0455	SEVENTH HEAVEN 60 D Nicholls 7-10	T Williams 8
8	0201	BEECHWOOD QUEST 22 (D,D) [illegible] 7-10	L Charnock 5

[illegible] Oriel Girl, 7-2 Yorkies Boy, 5-1 Baby Grand, Oriel Girl, 7-1 Cumbrian Cadet, [illegible] Bow Peep, Seventh Heaven, Beechwood Quest.

3.30 PETER BELL MEMORIAL FILLIES HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,162: 1m 4f) (8)

1	200-	CHAIRMANS DAUGHTER 269 (F) J Pearce 9-7	C Teague (3) 3
2	6026	TOP 16 J Fanshawe 9-7	S Sanders 1
3	234	SHILLING 15 A Stewart 9-5	D Harrison 2
4	-001	ATNAB 15 (D,F) P Walwyn 9-5	J Carroll 6
5	2342	PERLETHORPE 5 M Bell 8-12	R Mullen (5) 4
6	4362	KINGDOM PEARL 16 M Camacho 8-8	L Charnock 7
7	2010	MIRROR FOUR SPORT 6 S Bowring 8-4	F Boyle (7) 5
8	3000	DOVERINE 30 S Lewis 8-2	P Fessey (3) 8

9-4 Atnab, 7-2 Kingdom Pearl, 4-1 Perlethorpe, 5-1 Shilling, 6-1 Top, Mirror Four Sport, 12-1 Chairmans Daughter, 20-1 Doverine.

4.00 WEATHERBYS BREEDING SALES MAIDEN STAKES (£3,602: 1m) (13)

1	00	ES GO 25 R Bastiman 4-9-5	H Bastiman (5) 3
2	0-	FLOWER MILLER 779 J Hanson 4-9-5	E Johnson 6
3	54	THE VALE 11 R McKellar 5-9-5	J McAuley (7) 9
4	2542	BARNBURGH BOY 7 T Barron 3-8-12	D Harrison 6
5	3	BEACH BUDY 13 J H Wilson 3-8-12	P Roberts (5) 11
6	302	SLOT 8 Mrs J Cecil 3-8-12	J Carroll 10
7	3-4	FATAL BARAARI 8 (V) M Stoute 3-8-12	F Lynch 1
8	5-	JIVE BOOGIE 316 N Bycroft 3-8-12	L Charnock 5
9	0530	PRESENT CHANCE 6 B McMahon 3-8-12	L Newton 4
10	56-	TALIB 303 D Morley 3-8-12	G Carter 2
11	0-	BEGUINE 272 W Jarvis 3-8-7	S Sanders 7
12	0	LYPHIELD 13 L Cumani 3-8-7	G Hind 12
13	002	ROYALE ROSE 23 A Bailey 3-8-7	D Wright 13

11-4 Slot, 7-2 Fatal Baraari, 6-1 Barnburgh Boy, 7-1 Present Chance, 8-1 Lyphield, 12-1 Beguine, Royale Rose, 16-1 others.

4.30 CARPENTERS ARMS CLAIMING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,845: 7f) (12)

1	22	RIBBLE ASSEMBLY 9 P Fahey 8-11	J Carroll 10
2	0	DISCO TEX 27 M W Easterby 8-9	T Lucas 8
3	0205	PETARA 9 (V) J Wainwright 8-9	R Lappin 3
4	0	SILVER HOPE 52 R Hollinshead 8-9	F Lynch 6
5	0000	ARE YER THERE 27 M W Easterby 8-7	G Parkin (3) 9
6	006	EDDIE ROMBO 13 N Tinkler 8-7	Kim Tinkler 5
7	004	I'M TEF 11 T Easterby 8-6	L Charnock 1
8	060	SUGGEST 15 (BF) W Storey 8-6	S Sanders 2
9	0140	THREE TENNERS 9 (B,S) J Berry 8-6	P Fessey (3) 11
10		DRAIN DOCTOR S Kettlewell 8-5	A Culhane 4
11	01	OPERATIC 7 (D) M Bell 8-0	R Mullen (5) 12
12	00	MUSICAL PET 27 J Eyre 7-13	T Williams 7

7-2 Operatic, 4-1 Three Tenners, 11-2 Ribble Assembly, 6-1 Petara, 8-1 I'm Tef, Suggest, 12-1 Are Yer There, Eddie Rombo, 16-1 others.

5.05 NAGS HEAD APPRENTICES MAIDEN HANDICAP (£2,533: 7f) (10)

1	054-	PENYGARN GUV'NOR 422 J Bradley 4-9-10	J McAuley 5
2	-323	FANCY A FORTUNE 7 (BF) D Nicholls 3-9-9	A Nicholls (5) 1
3	4045	CARREAMIA 21 J Eyre 4-9-6	S Buckley 3
4	5435	PRESENTIMENT 4 M Wane 3-8-13	D Mernagh (5) 9
5	4055	ITALIAN SYMPHONY 13 (B) P Evans 3-8-1	A McCarthy 2
6	000-	LEGAL BRIEF 379 (B) J Wainwright 5-7-13	R Brisland 8
7	0000	STOLEN MUSIC 9 R Fahey 4-7-12	Jenny Benson 10
8	3340	PETULA BOY 27 (B) S Bowring 3-7-10	F Boyle 7
9	0600	SEVERN MILL 7 J Bradley 6-7-10	J Fowle 6
10	0000	INTREPID FORT 41 (V) B Murray 8-7-10	C Cogan 4

9-4 Fancy A Fortune, 7-2 Presentiment, 5-1 Carreamia, 7-1 Italian Symphony, 8-1 Penygarn Guv'nor, 10-1 Severn Mill, Intrepid Fort, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs J Cecil, 6 winners from 17 runners, 35.3%, M Stoute 13 from 55, 23.6%, P Walwyn, 4 from 12, 33.3%, J Bradley, 7 from 32, 21.8%, M Camacho, 6 from 25, 24.0%, J Fanshawe, 5 from 21, 23.8%.

JOCKEYS: D Harrison, 5 winners from 22 rides, 22.7%, F Lynch, 4 from 19, 21.1%, G Carter, 8 from 74, 10.8%, P Fessey, 3 from 28, 10.7%, G Hind, 5 from 49, 10.2%. Only qualifiers.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Bangor: 3.10 Demoniac. 4.15 Well Armed. 4.45 Harry's Treat, Totally Yours. **Goodwood:** 2.15 Shaheen, Wasp Ranger. **Newmarket:** 6.10 Cold Steel. **Salisbury:** 6.20 Courbaril. **Thirsk:** 4.00 Fatal Baraari. 4.30 Petara.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Goodwood

Going: good to firm

2.15 (7f) 1. **DAZZLE** (J Reid, 11-4); 2. **Unconditional Love** (J Weaver, 33-1); 3. **Miss Riviera** (M Hills, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 5-4 fav Cin Nellie (6th), 3 Noisette, 15-2 Imroz (4th), 10 My Branch (5th), 50 Evergreen. 8 ran. 1¼l, nk, ¾l, ¾l, 3½l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £3.30; £1.60, £3.10, £2.20. DF: £45.30. CSF: £72.38.

2.45 (6f) 1. **DAGGERS DRAWN** (K Fallon, 8-13 fav); 2. **Lord Kintyre** (B Doyle, 10-1); 3. **Bodyguard** (L Dettori, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 7 London Heights (4th), 15-2 Conachy Castle (6th), 33 Bold Edge (5th). 6 ran. NR: Prince Foley. 1¼l, 3½l, 1¼l, 1½l, 4l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £1.80; £1.40, £2.00. DF: £7.40. CSF: £7.89.

3.20 (2m) 1. **DOUBLE TRIGGER** (M Roberts, 16-1); 2. **Classic Cliche** (L Dettori, 5-4 fav); 3. **Double Eclipse** (J Weaver, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Samraan (6th), 7 Election Day (4th), Persian Punch (5th), 12 Corradini, 20 Grey Shot, 25 Canon Can, 50 State Fair. 10 ran. 1¾l, 5l, 2½l, 4l, hd. M Johnston at Middleham. Tote: £15.20; £2.70, £1.40, £2.70. DF: £13.00. Trio: £19.80. CSF: £32.04.

3.50 (1m) 1. **FLY TO THE STARS** (O Peslier, 14-1); 2. **Crumpton Hill** (M Roberts, 12-1); 3. **Pride Of Pendle** (R Mullen, 40-1); 4. **Strazo** (R Cochrane, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 6-1 fav Mawingo, 8 Star Talent, 10 Insh Accord, 12 Generous Libra, 14 Alhawa, 16 Brilliant Red (6th), Diana Luna, 20 Lonely Leader, Nomore Mr Niceguy, Peartree House, Tertium, 25 King Of Tunes (5th), Strathmore Clear, 33 Artful Dane, Hayes Way, 40 Philistar. 20 ran. NR: Emerging Market. 1¾l, nk, nk, sh hd, ¾l. M Johnston at Middleham. Tote: £16.10; £3.50, £4.50, £5.80, £2.60. DF: £104.50. Trio: £1,618.00. CSF: £130.44. Tricast: £5,184.96. Cosmic Prince (14-1) was withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 5p in pound.

4.25 (7f) 1. **MIDNIGHT LINE** (K Fallon, 15-8 fav); 2. **Doomna** (O Peslier, 6-1); 3. **Alborada** (G Duffield, 11-4). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Vignette (5th), 14 Queen Salote, 20 Hadavik (4th), 25 Oberon's Mistral, 33 Anakela Bay, Captivating, La Lyonesse, Moonstone (6th). 11 ran. NR: Royal Bounty. ¾l, 1¾l, nk, 2½l, 2l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £3.10; £1.30, £2.20, £1.50. DF: £11.60. Trio: £13.00. CSF: £10.93.

5.00 (5f) 1. **MISLEAD** (M Henry, 12-1); 2. **Desert Lady** (T Sprake, 3-1 fav); 3. **Salamanca** (P Fessey, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Centre Court, 9-2 Mishraak (6th), 7 Who Nose, 9 Sada (5th), 12 Eastern Lyric, 16 Prix Star (4th), 20 Fast Tempo, Really Done It Now. 11 ran. ¾l, 1½l, 3l, ½l, ½l. J Moore at Andover. Tote: £18.00; £3.70, £1.90, £2.80. DF: £45.70. Trio: £186.30. CSF: £46.15. Tricast: £417.19.

5.35 (1m 1f) 1. **TRIBAL PEACE** (R Ffrench, 10-1); 2. **Bowcliffe** (J F Egan, 12-1); 3. **Chairmans Choice** (S Drowne, 20-1); 4. **Plan For Profit** (J Weaver, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 5-1 fav Renata's Prince, 6 Blue Imperial, 13-2 Clouds Hill, 11 Eurobox, Boy Kedwick, Sharp Shuffle (5th), 12 Harvey White, Mantles Prince (6th), 14 Best Of All, 20 Desert Time, Smarter Charter, 25 Tallulah Belle, Whispering Dawn, 33 Noble Dane. 18 ran. ½l, nk, nk, nk, ½l. B Gubby at Bagshot. Tote: £14.70; £2.70, £5.20, £6.10, £4.00. DF: £138.50. Trio: £1,384.00. CSF: £116.95. Tricast: £2,267.57.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £33,640.28 carried forward to Goodwood today).
Placepot: £90.10.
Quadpot: £14.80.

Doncaster

Going: good, good to firm in places

2.30 (2m 110yd) 1. **PARADISE NAVY** (Miss E Ramsden, 15-2); 2. **Anan Spirit** (Miss Diana Jones, 11-8 fav); 3. **Klondike Charger** (Mr C B Hills, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Salska (5th), 11-2 Sun Of Spring (4th). 5 ran. NR: Palamon. Nk, 10l, 5l, 1l. C Egerton at Chaddleworth. Tote: £6.80; £2.30, £1.60. DF: £4.30. CSF: £16.94.

3.05 (7f) 1. **HAAMI** (R Hills, 6-15 fav); 2. **Tracking** (W Ryan, 9-2); 3. **Calchas** (S Sanders, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 25 Batswing (4th). 4 ran. Nk, 2l, 6l. J Dunlop at Arundel. Tote: £1.50. DF: £1.70. CSF: £3.10.

3.35 (7f) 1. **WELCOME HEIGHTS** (F Norton, 8-1); 2. **Dummer Golf Time** (D Harrison, 4-1 fav); 3. **Oriole** (Kim Tinkler, 6-1); 4. **Bollin Dorothy** (T Williams, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Fancy Design, 15-2 Zain Dancer, 10 The Barnsley Belle, Three For A Pound (6th), 14 Allinson's Mate, 16 Bee Health Boy (5th), Napoleon Star, 20 Lady Godiva, Marino Street, Raed, Theatre Magic, 25 Lunch Party, Welsh Mountain, 33 Awesome Venture, Catwalk Girl. 19 ran. NR: Crompton Lights, Star's Quest. 1½l, nk, 1¼l, nk, ¾l. M Fetherston-Godley at East Ilsley. Tote: £10.50; £2.00, £2.10, £1.70, £2.30. DF: £32.10. Trio: £98.00. CSF: £38.11. Tricast: £210.26.

4.10 (1m) 1. **BEAUCHAMP KING** (G Carter, 4-1); 2. **Jamrat Jumairah** (R Hills, 13-2); 3. **Kumait** (W Ryan, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Sunbeam Dance (5th), 9-2 Weet-A-Minute (4th), 6 Warningford (6th), 16 Bin Cyclone. 7 ran. Hd, 1½l, 2½l, hd. J Dunlop at Arundel. Tote: £4.40; £2.50, £2.30. DF: £14.30. CSF: £23.86.

4.45 (6f) 1. **ALWAYS ON MY MIND** (S Sanders, 7-2); 2. **Mary Magdalene** (G Faulkner, 5-1); 3. **Style Dancer** (D McKeown, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 15-8 fav March Crusader, 5 Compatibility (5th), 12 Caution (4th), 25 Last Chance (6th). 7 ran. Nk, 5l, ¾l, hd, 4l. P Makin at Ogbourne Maisey. Tote: £4.30; £1.90, £3.10. DF: £13.10. CSF: £18.08.

5.20 (6f) 1. **FAIRY PRINCE** (J Fortune, 7-2); 2. **Royal Dome** (J Carroll, 3-1 fav); 3. **Archello** (G Parkin, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 100-30 Denbrae (4th), 5 Awassi (5th), 9 Double Matt (6th), 33 Miss Aragon. 7 ran. ¾l, 1½l, nk, ¾l, 7l. Mrs A King at Stratford-upon-Avon. Tote: £3.50; £2.10, £2.10. DF: £4.00. CSF: £13.38.

Placepot: £85.50. Quadpot: £21.70.

Reid: fine ride on Dazzle

Wednesday's late details

Sandown Park

Going: good to firm

6.00 (1m 2f 7yd) 1. **Zamalek** (J Fowle, 12-1); 2. Traceability (3-1 fav); 3. Dauphin (7-2). 8 ran. ¾l, 5l. R Flower. Tote: £15.00; £2.00, £1.60, £1.40. DF: £11.20. CSF: £41.26. Tricast: £136.49.

6.35 (5f 6yd) 1. **Brimstone** (A Clark, 5-1); 2. Storm From The East (7-4 fav); 3. Hever Golf Machine (16-1). 10 ran. NR: Bay Prince. ¾l, 4l. D Elsworth. Tote: £6.60; £2.10, £1.10, £3.80. DF: £7.70. Trio: £34.00. CSF: £13.58.

7.10 (1m 6f) 1. **Mawared** (R Hills, 7-4 fav); 2. Alanco (10-1); 3. Tawafek (14-1). 8 ran. 2¼l, 3l. J Dunlop. Tote: £2.50; £1.20, £2.70, £3.60. DF: £19.70. CSF: £20.07. Tricast: £180.75.

7.40 (7f 16yd) 1. **Winsome Wooster** (J F Egan, 10-1); 2. Duello (8-1); 3. Al Masroor (12-1). Song of Skye 11-2 fav. 14 ran. Hd, 1¼l. P Murphy. Tote: £12.40; £3.80, £2.50, £3.40. DF: £25.00. Trio: £170.30. CSF: £84.34. Tricast: £930.42.

8.10 (7f 16yd) 1. **Banzhaf** (A Clark, 11-4 jt-fav); 2. Peter Perfect (7-1); 3. Kilvine (13-2). Big Ben 11-4 jt-fav. 7 ran. 1¾l, sh hd. G L Moore. Tote: £5.30; £2.60, £2.40. DF: £16.90. CSF: £21.72.

8.40 (1m 14yd) 1. **Chief Monarch** (R Cochrane, 7-4 fav); 2. Tonight's Prize (9-2); 3. Kamin (100-30). 7 ran. Hd, 1¼l. B Smart. Tote: £2.50; £1.60, £2.80. DF: £6.30. CSF: £10.13.

Placepot: £89.80.
Quadpot: £28.90.

Doncaster

Going: good

6.15 (1m 4f) 1. **Kika** (J Fortune, 4-1); 2. Durgams First (10-11 fav); 3. Barnwood Crackers (100-30). 7 ran. Sh hd, 4l. K Burke. Tote: £3.90; £1.70, £1.30. DF: £2.40. CSF: £6.86.

6.50 (7f) 1. **Opera King** (D Holland, 5-6 fav); 2. Quintus (4-1); 3. Clarity (25-1). 16 ran. NR: Plan-B. ¾l, sh hd. S bin Suroor. Tote: £1.90; £1.20, £1.90, £17.20. DF: £4.50. Trio: £242.50. CSF: £3.95.

7.25 (6f) 1. **Abou Zouz** (W Ryan, 5-4 fav); 2. Venture Capitalist (5-2); 3. Astrac (7-1). 4 ran. NR: Deadly Dudley, Proud Native. Nk, 4l. D Loder. Tote: £2.10. DF: £2.20. CSF: £4.33.

7.55 (1m) 1. **Right Tune** (J Stack, 8-1); 2. Sweet Contralto (10-1); 3. Woodbeck (11-4 fav). 12 ran. 1¾l, hd. B Hanbury. Tote: £10.50; £2.90, £4.00, £1.80. DF: £34.00. Trio: £15.50. CSF: £88.17. Tricast: £265.68.

8.25 (1m 2f 60yd) 1. **Capilano Princess** (S Drowne, 13-2); 2. Honourable (7-4 fav); 3. River's Source (12-1). 7 ran. 1¾l, 2l. D Haydn Jones. Tote: £9.40; £3.40, £1.70. DF: £10.30. CSF: £17.84.

8.55 (5f) 1. **Storyteller** (M Fenton, 9-2); 2. Bramble Bear (9-1); 3. Suite Factors (9-1). Pizzicato 4-1 fav. 12 ran. 2l, ½l. Mrs J Ramsden. Tote: £5.60; £2.40, £2.30, £3.20. DF: £36.70. Trio: £38.30. CSF: £40.95. Tricast: £331.30.

Placepot: £38.90.
Quadpot: £53.60.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

Bangor

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 24 winners from 81 runners, 29.6%, D Burchell, 4 from 20, 20.0%, G Richards, 15 from 84, 17.9%, R Hollinshead, 4 from 25, 16.0%, T Forster, 5 from 36, 13.9%.

JOCKEYS: T Dascombe, 4 winners from 14 rides, 28.6%, F Leahy, 4 from 14, 28.6%; D J Burchell, 4 from 18, 22.2%, A P McCoy, 8 from 37, 21.6%, C Llewellyn, 10 from 55, 18.2%, A Dobbin, 4 from 25, 16.0%.

Goodwood

TRAINERS: E Dunlop, 8 winners from 27 runners, 29.6%, M Stoute, 22 from 87, 25.3%, P Cole, 27 from 126, 21.4%, H Cecil, 19 from 89, 21.3%, K Ivory, 3 from 17, 17.6%, J Gosden, 21 from 120, 17.5%.

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 42 winners from 206 rides, 20.4%; L Dettori, 31 from 179, 17.3%; J Reid, 37 from 250, 14.8%; J Weaver, 10 from 71, 14.1%; M Hills, 18 from 129, 14.0%; M Roberts, 19 from 136, 14.0%.

Newmarket

TRAINERS: B Palling, 3 winners from 5 runners, 60.0%; M Brittain, 3 from 9, 33.3%; R Charlton, 12 from 53, 22.6%, Mrs J Ramsden, 6 from 31, 19.4%, R Armstrong, 10 from 57, 17.5%.

JOCKEYS: R Hills, 17 winners from 118 rides, 14.4%; D McCabe, 7 from 50, 14.0%; A Munro, 6 from 48, 12.5%; J Weaver, 8 from 72, 11.1%.

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CRICKET

Adams rises above perils with century before lunch

By Jack Bailey

CHESTER-LE-STREET (first day of four; Durham won toss): Durham, with four first-innings wickets in hand, are 145 runs behind Derbyshire

LIFE at the bottom of the table yesterday was rich in uncertainties. There was a pitch with unpredictable bounce, which made unconfident batsmen predictably tense and apprehensive, yet there was also a remarkable century, before lunch, by Chris Adams, who made light of the conditions.

There was, however, one certainty. After a day which saw 16 wickets fall, the umpires are bound to report the pitch. This makes Adams's innings all the more praiseworthy. For, while others floundered, Adams reigned supreme. He scored his century from 107 balls in just over two hours and his second 50 came from only 33 balls.

Powerful driving brought him many of the 16 fours which, together with a six, provided the major portion of his runs.

As he was bound to do in conditions which so strongly favoured seam bowling, he played and missed several times early on, and he narrowly evaded Lewis at short-leg off a ball from Brown when he had made 18. But he put the bad delivery away with absolute conviction.

It was a conviction which rubbed off on others, notably Vandrau and Clarke, but it could not prevent Derbyshire losing their last six wickets in 36 balls for 22 runs.

This collapse put into true perspective Adams's innings and the notable supporting roles played by the gritty Vandrau, the free-scoring Clarke and, more briefly, Barnett, whose stand of 82 in 13 overs with Adams began the surge which turned the game Derbyshire's way.

There was little talk about the pitch after Wood had accounted for both May and Rollins, so well did Adams and Barnett bat. Strangely, to those who have followed the fortunes of Adams, this was only his second championship century of the season, although five others have come in various one-day competitions. It was also, equally strangely, the second successive championship century before lunch for Derbyshire, Rollins having achieved the feat eight days previously against Glamorgan.

Once Adams left to his second ball after lunch, the conditions, and Durham's bowlers, held sway. In one over from Betts, for instance, Krikken was caught in the gully from a sharp lifter; two balls later, DeFreitas was scuppered by a shooter.

Not only the lethal balls did the damage, but also those that misbehaved without immediate effect. An apprehensive batsman is meat and drink to any self-respecting bowler.

So it was that Durham's batsmen perished. One exception was Lewis, who got four square behind everything, even the ball which finally had him leg-before, although this time he failed to offer a stroke.

Coached intensively by Graham Gooch in his Essex days and showing a number of the old master's mannerisms at the crease, he added further to his growing reputation in these parts. His staunch 36 was a model of watchful batsmanship against the best Malcolm, Harris and DeFreitas could offer.

Foster chose a different, more belligerent approach. If it was up, he hit the ball hard, tactics which have paid healthy dividends. When rain and bad light stopped play, he remained undefeated, Durham's top scorer thus far, although that is not saying a great deal.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Law strikes Brimson for six to bring up his fifty during an impressive display at Colchester yesterday

Moles joins worrying injury list

EDGBASTON (first day of four; Warwickshire won toss): Warwickshire have scored 50 for no wicket against Sussex

IRRITATING weather, always marginally too damp or overcast to let the game restart, restricted Warwickshire and Sussex to 16 overs before lunch yesterday (John Thicknesse writes). Unhappily for Andy Moles, the Warwickshire acting captain, that was long enough for him to break the little finger of his left hand, putting him in doubt for the NatWest Trophy semi-final, also against Sussex, on August 13.

The injury was Warwickshire's fifth of the summer affecting a key player, and since the others include Tim Munton, the captain, and Nick Knight, the vice-captain, neither of whom is said to be close to a return, it was a serious blow to their hopes of a late run in the championship, as well as weakening their prospects in the 60-over cup.

The ball from Vasbert Drakes that injured Moles, in the Barbadian's sixth over, was the first that lifted off a length. There was nothing Moles could do to save his finger being trapped against the handle of the bat.

Law dominates agenda

By Michael Henderson

COLCHESTER (first day of four; Essex won toss): Essex have scored 204 for two wickets against Leicestershire

STUART LAW continues to give Essex magnificent service and show how remarkable are Australia's cricketing resources. The Queensland captain made a superb century yesterday after Leicestershire took two early wickets, ending a rain-affected day on 124 not out and sharing an undefeated stand of 195 with Nasser Hussain for the third wicket.

Hussain did not play poorly. By the end of a day that lost 45 overs to rain, he was 52 not out, having survived the new ball when Prichard and Robinson fell to Mullally and Millns. However, Law, who rarely gives the bowlers a glimpse of his true ability, set about them from the start and was blossoming when the rain, which had set in after two overs, returned in the last session.

How on earth Australia can do without him is a mystery to people in Essex — and beyond. He is not just a fairly good batsman. He has proved himself to be a fine cricketer in every respect and he gives far more to the side than his scores can suggest. Perhaps he has upset somebody.

Law has been accused of being a "flash Harry" who does not translate his talent into really big scores, but Essex are not complaining. This was his third championship hundred of the season, his fifth in all and his seventeenth in England since he replaced Mark Waugh as Essex's overseas player last year.

Last season, he made a century in each of the four competitions, but, crucially, missed the NatWest Trophy final defeat by Lancashire when the weather delayed his return from Sri Lanka, where he was playing for Australia in a one-day trophy.

Despite those two early wickets yesterday, he went to his hundred from 147 balls with 12 fours and two sixes, struck off Brimson, the left-arm spinner. He later added a third six, lifted into the tent at mid-wicket off Pierson.

Hussain appeared second-rate by comparison. It is not really a fair comparison. Law, in this mood, makes even the best players look ordinary.

Headley bounces back

WORCESTER (first day of four; Worcestershire won toss): Worcestershire have scored 58 for no wicket against Kent

DEAN HEADLEY began only his second championship match since May yesterday and bowled throughout the hour before the rain (Alan Lee writes). By the time that David Graveney, the England chairman of selectors, arrived to be entertained in the committee room by his uncle Tom, Headley's work was done.

Headley lacked the pace and bite at Headingley that he had shown on his Test debut three weeks earlier. Recurring fitness complaints continue to undermine him and it was imperative that he played here to reassure the selectors before their meeting tomorrow.

Eight overs of variable line did not bring him a wicket but he went past the bat regularly, capitalising on the uneven bounce already evident in this pale-coloured pitch.

Kent decided to rest Martin McCague and may come to regret it. Alan Igglesden, his replacement, was soon taking punishment from Moody, who was still harsher on Strang. Moody, who is keen to take on the role of county coach in addition to captaining the side, has now decided to open the batting, too. At this rate, the gateman will begin to feel insecure.

Advantage swings away from Yorkshire

By Ivo Tennant

HEADINGLEY (first day of four; Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire have scored 163 for nine wickets against Northamptonshire

CHOOSING a pitch at Headingley remains a vexatious issue. Yorkshire opted yesterday not to play in the middle of the square, which was originally chosen for the fourth Test last week, but on a surface with uneven bounce that gave Northamptonshire's bowlers considerable help. The ball also swung, extravagantly at times.

There was little for any batsman to savour. Even a notable technician would have done well to stay in for long. Paul Taylor, the left-armer, took five for 42 — how, last week, Mike Smith would have liked to have swung the ball as he did — and three other medium-pace bowlers also took wickets. A total of 53 overs were lost through rain and bad light.

Taylor, who last played for England three years ago, never looked to bowl above medium pace. He took four wickets in his opening spell, beating Byas and Lehmann with late swing, having Vaughan leg-before offering no shot, and yorking McGrath. Any runs were scored either through luck or aggressive intent.

Yorkshire were without Moxon, who has a back injury, and Hartley, who goes into hospital soon for a hernia operation. No play was possible before noon. Partly because of the poor weather at Headingley this summer, the club's attendance figures might well prove to be the worst in their history.

The only batting of note came when Parker and White were adding 48. Both were out to balls that were almost impossible to play. The former was bowled by one from Boswell that scuttled through and the latter was leg-before to a ball from Mohammad Akram that cut back and kept low.

Gough came in to considerable acclaim from the Western Terrace and struck a couple of lusty blows before edging one from Boswell that swung away. Silverwood followed him, giving Taylor his fifth wicket.

SCOREBOARD

Britannic Assurance county championship

Durham v Derbyshire

CHESTER-LE-STREET (first day of four; Durham won toss): Durham, with four first-innings wickets in hand, are 145 runs behind Derbyshire

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

A S Rollins c Morris b Wood	12
*R May b Wood	4
C J Adams c Wood b Brown	107
K J Barnett c Speight b Foster	23
M J Vandrau b Brown	47
V P Clarke b Brown	33
†K M Krikken c Boiling b Betts	1
*P A J DeFreitas b Betts	0
A J Harris lbw b Brown	1
K J Dean run out	3
D E Malcolm not out	0
Extras (lb 4, nb 19)	23
Total (54.1 overs)	254

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-37, 3-119, 4-172, 5-232, 6-233, 7-233, 8-234, 9-254.

BOWLING: Brown 20.1-2-63-4; Wood 14-1-77-2; Betts 10-0-48-2; Foster 7-0-42-1; Boiling 3-0-20-0.

DURHAM: First Innings

J J B Lewis lbw b DeFreitas	36
S Hutton lbw b Harris	8
J E Morris b Malcolm	2
N J Speak c DeFreitas b Harris	6
*D C Boon b Harris	0
†M P Speight c Krikken b DeFreitas	9
M J Foster not out	37
M M Betts not out	5
Extras (lb 2, w 2, nb 2)	6
Total (6 wkts, 34 overs)	109

J Boiling, J Wood and S J E Brown to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-29, 3-38, 4-38, 5-53, 6-82.

BOWLING: Malcolm 7-2-18-1; Harris 13-1-49-3; DeFreitas 10-2-23-2; Dean 4-0-17-0.

Bonus points: Durham 4 Derbyshire 4.

Umpires: A A Jones and P Willey.

Essex v Leicestershire

COLCHESTER (first day of four; Essex won toss): Essex have scored 204 for two wickets against Leicestershire

ESSEX: First Innings

*P J Prichard c and b Mullally	2
D D J Robinson c Pierson b Millns	4
N Hussain not out	52
S G Law not out	124
Extras (lb 4, w 4, nb 14)	22
Total (2 wkts, 59 overs)	204

D R Law, R C Irani, A P Grayson, J C Powell, †R J Rollins, A P Cowan and P M Such to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-9.

BOWLING: Millns 15-5-31-1; Mullally 18-5-59-1; Johnson 5-1-21-0; Wells 4-2-12-0; Brimson 8-1-36-0; Pierson 9-0-41-0.

LEICESTERSHIRE: V J Wells, D L Maddy, I J Sutcliffe, *J J Whitaker, N C Johnson, B F Smith, †P A Nixon, D J Millns, A R K Pierson, A D Mullally, M T Brimson.

Bonus points: Essex 1 Leicestershire 0.

Umpires: T E Jesty and B Leadbeater.

Warwickshire v Sussex

EDGBASTON (first day of four; Warwickshire won toss): Warwickshire have scored 50 for no wicket against Sussex

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

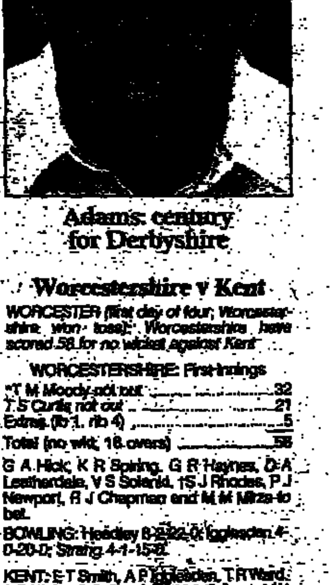
*A J Moles retired hurt	9
M A Wagh not out	24
D L Hemp not out	10
Extras (lb 1, w 2, nb 4)	7
Total (no wkt, 16 overs)	50

A Singh, T L Penney, N M K Smith, D R Brown, G Welch, A F Giles, †K J Piper and A A Donald to bat.

BOWLING: Drakes 8-2-20-0; Kirtley 7-0-27-0; Edwards 1-0-2-0.

SUSSEX: M T E Peirce, R K Rao, K Greenfield, C W J Athey, M Newell, K Newell, *†P Moores, V C Drakes, A D Edwards, M A Robinson, R J Kirtley.

Umpires: B Dudleston and J H Hampshire.



Adams: century for Derbyshire

Worcestershire v Kent

WORCESTER (first day of four; Worcestershire won toss): Worcestershire have scored 58 for no wicket against Kent

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

*T M Moody not out	32
T S Curtis not out	21
Extras (lb 1, nb 4)	5
Total (no wkt, 18 overs)	58

G A Hick, K R Spiring, G R Haynes, D A Leatherdale, V S Solanki, †S J Rhodes, P J Newport, R J Chapman and M M Mirza to bat.

BOWLING: Headley 8-2-22-0; Igglesden 4-0-20-0; Strang 4-1-15-0.

KENT: E T Smith, A P Igglesden, T R Ward, A P Wells, G R Cowdrey, M A Ealham, M V Fleming, P A Strang, *†S A Marsh, D W Headley, J B D Thompson.

Umpires: J D Bond and J H Harris.

Yorkshire v Northamptonshire

HEADINGLEY (first day of four; Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire have scored 163 for nine wickets against Northamptonshire

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

A McGrath b Taylor	7
M P Vaughan lbw b Taylor	13
*D Byas b Taylor	4
D S Lehmann b Taylor	11
C White lbw b Mohammad Akram	22
B Parker b Boswell	26
†R J Blakey not out	24
A C Morris c Fordham b Curran	4
D Gough c Ripley b Boswell	11
C E W Silverwood c Ripley b Taylor	7
R D Stemp not out	2
Extras (lb 8, w 6, nb 18)	32
Total (9 wkts, 51 overs)	163

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-29, 3-44, 4-51, 5-69, 6-117, 7-132, 8-145, 9-158.

BOWLING: Mohammad Akram 14-5-28-1; Taylor 15-3-42-5; Boswell 9-1-45-2; Penberthy 6-2-18-0; Curran 7-2-22-1.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: D J Roberts, R R Warren, A Fordham, *R J Bailey, K M Curran, A L Penberthy, †D Ripley, J N Snape, S A J Boswell, Mohammad Akram, J P Taylor.

Bonus points: Yorkshire 0 Northamptonshire 4.

Umpires: V A Holder and R Julian.

No play yesterday

COLWYN BAY: Glamorgan v Nottinghamshire

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Second day of four: Usk: Surrey 430-6 dec and 226-5 (J N Batty 105, N Shahid 50); Glamorgan 310-7 dec (I J Thomas 76, W L Law 50). Ramsbottom: Durham 204 (D G C Ligertwood 73, O J Hughes 59; P M Ridgway 6-44) and 157-5 (S J Birtwisle 54); Lancashire 150 (S Lugsden 5-41). First day of three: Harrow: Hampshire 321-8 dec (G W White 128; T F Bloomfield 4-51); Middlesex 3-0. Folkestone: Warwickshire 341-7 dec (M D Edmond 143 not out, A Frost 52); Kent 6-0. Marske-by-the-Sea: Somerset 316 (S M Trego 65, C M Wells 56); Yorkshire 32-2. Nottingham High School: Nottinghamshire 319 (M Newell 86, L N Walker 61; C J Mason 4-50); Worcestershire 15-0. Second day of three: Hastings: Leicestershire 354-5 dec; Sussex 63-1.

TOUR MATCH: Colombo (final day of three): Indians 308 and 255-5 (N S Sidhu 100, S C Ganguly 62); Board President's XI 291 (R P Arnold 65, C Mendis 55). Match drawn.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Ampleforth Festival: Scotland 137-8; Durham 138-1. Cleveland 159-9; Lancashire 160-4. London 194-9; Glamorgan 149. Yorkshire 224-7; Nottinghamshire 188. Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan 63 (P Riley 4-22); Nottinghamshire 64-3. London 201-5 (N Tusk 65); Scotland 109 (K Patel 4-12; M Patel 4-16). Yorkshire 369-3 (M Dawson 166 not out, P Scaling 101 not out, W Grace 75); Cleveland 134 (B Patel 4-5); Durham 142-8; Lancashire 112 (I Paterson 4-20).

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Tetley's Challenge Series
11.0, first day of four
TAUNTON: Somerset v Australians

Tour match
11.0, first day of four
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Pakistan A

Britannic Assurance county championship
11.0, second day of four, 104 overs minimum
CHESTER-LE-STREET: Durham v Derbyshire
COLCHESTER: Essex v Leicestershire
COLWYN BAY: Glamorgan v Nottinghamshire
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Sussex
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Kent
HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Northamptonshire

NATWEST UNDER-19 INTERNATIONAL MATCH (50 overs) Hove: England v Zimbabwe

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of four) Usk: Glamorgan v Surrey. Ramsbottom: Lancashire v Durham. Final day of three: Folkestone: Kent v Warwickshire. Harrow CC: Middlesex v Hampshire. Nottingham High School: Nottinghamshire v Worcestershire. Hastings: Sussex v Leicestershire. Marske-by-Sea: Yorkshire v Somerset.

AON RISK TROPHY (one day): The Oval: Surrey v Essex.

RUGBY LEAGUE

World club championship
Pool A
London v Canterbury (7.30)
Pool B
Perth v Paris Saint-Germain (11.30am)

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Barnsley v Santos (Br) (7.45). Bristol City v Everton; Chesterfield v Derby; Exeter v Oldham (7.0); Fulham v Charlton (7.45); Halifax v Doncaster; Northampton v Stoke (7.45); Peterborough v Norwich (7.45); Preston v Leicester City; Torquay v Coventry; Wigan v West Bromwich Albion (7.45). York v Darlington (7.45).

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: *Scottish men's championship (at Ayr Northfield)*
GOLF: *English Amateur Championship (at Royal Liverpool)*; Scottish Amateur Championship (at Carnoustie), Welsh Amateur Championship (at Pyle and Kenfig); SPGA Championship (at St Andrews); Senior Masters (at Wentworth).
MOTOR RALLYING: Ulster Rally
SPEEDWAY: *Elite League:* Belle Vue v Swindon (7.30); King's Lynn v Coventry (7.45). *Premier League:* Arena Essex v Glasgow (8.0); Edinburgh v Sheffield (7.30); *Newport v Isle of Wight (7.0); Oxford v Stoke (7.45).*
TENNIS: LTA Satellite (at Ilkley).

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston 8 Seattle 7 (10inns); New York Yankees 7 Oakland 0; Chicago White Sox 3 Detroit 2, Baltimore 3 Texas 1; Anaheim 5 Cleveland 2; Minnesota 11 Kansas City 1.

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BOWLS

NORTHFIELD, Ayr: LCL Pils Scottish national championship: Singles: First round: R Frame (Prestongrange) bt K McNab (Dean) 21-19; G Mackie (West End Kirkcaldy) bt B Fleming (Denbeath) 21-7; D Barr (Stirlingburn) bt S Gall (Townhölm) 21-14; S Bonner (House of Daviot) bt B Morris (Broughty Castle) 21-14; A Deans (Polmaise) bt S Carswell (Grahamston) 21-20; A Brown (Gorgie Mills) bt J Purves (Caldercraig) 21-18; J Robertson (Monquhitter) bt J McLean (Campbeltown Argyll) 21-13, F Kimmins (Port Glasgow) bt S Forrest (Eddlewood) 21-13; D Gourlay (Annbank) bt J Yuille (Biggar) 21-8, G Borland (Dalry) bt D Miller (Gala Waverley) 21-18, J Condy (Partick) bt D Milligan (Slamperland) 21-18, G Wiggins (Lochwinnoch) bt I Strachan (Alyth) 21-16.

CRICKET

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of two) Fenner's: Lincolnshire 220-7 and 17-0, Cambridgeshire 207-5. Match drawn. Cambridgeshire 6pts Lincolnshire 4pts. Lakenham: Norfolk 225-4 and 228 (N Fox 59; A R Clarke 8-94), Buckinghamshire 221-8 and 151-8 (S C Goldsmith 4-35) Match drawn. Norfolk 7pts Bucks 4pts. Mildenhall: Cumberland 281 and 150-4; Suffolk 127-6 and 287-9 (D W Randall 82, K M Wijesuriya 53; J M Fielding 4-97). Match drawn. Suffolk 4pts Cumberland 5pts. Falmouth: Berkshire 241-8 and 183-8 (C E Shreck 5-63); Cornwall 154 and 226 (C P Lello 54; S D Myles 4-44). Berkshire (22pts) bt Cornwall (3pts) by 44 runs

CYCLING

TOUR OF PORTUGAL: Third stage (134.5km): Leading positions: 1, J Svorada (Slovakia) 2hr 59min 54sec; 2, F Arazzi (It); 3, C Barbosa (Por); 4, F Guidi (It); 5, L Colaco (Por) all same time. Leading overall positions: 1, F Guidi (It) 11hr 50min 18sec; 2, W Belli (It) at 19sec; 3, Z Jaluska (Pol) at 24; 4, B Conte (It) 26; 5, C Barbosa (Por) 28.

FOOTBALL

Wednesday's late results

EUROPEAN CUP: First qualifying round, second leg: Barry Town 0 Dynamo Kiev (Ukr) 4 (Dynamo Kiev win 6-0 on agg); Dinamo Tbilisi (Bela) 5 Crusaders 1 (Dinamo Tbilisi win 8-2 on agg); Maribor Teatanic (Slovenia) 1 Derry City 0 (Maribor Teatanic win 3-0 on agg); Rangers 6 GI Gotu 0 (Rangers win 11-0 on agg); Croatia Zagreb (Cro) 5 Partizan Belgrade (Yug) 0 (Croatia Zagreb win 5-1 on agg); MPKC Mozyr (Bela) 3 Constructorul Chisinau (Mol) 2 (Mozyr win 4-3 on agg); Skonto Riga (Lat) 2 Valetta (Malta) 0 (Skonto win 2-1 on agg). Betar Jerusalem (Isr) 3 FC Sileks (FYR Macedonia) 0 (Betar Jerusalem win 3-1 on agg); Kareda Shaulyai (Lith) 1 Anorthosis Famagusta (Cyprus) 1 (Anorthosis win 4-1 on agg); CSKA Sofia (Bul) 0 Steaua Bucharest (Rom) 2 (Steaua win 5-3 on agg); Jeunesse d'Esch (Lux) 0 FC Sion (Switz) 1 (Sion win 5-0 on agg); MTK Budapest (Hun) 4 Pyunic Erevan (Arm) 3 (MTK win 6-3 on agg); Widzew Lodz (Pol) 8 Neftchi Baku (Azer) 0 (Lodz win 10-0 on agg); Akranes (Ice) 0 Kosice (Slovkia) 1 (Kosice win 4-0 on agg). Second qualifying round draw: Akranes (Ice) v Spartak Moscow; MTK Budapest v Rosenborg (Nor). FC Sion v Galatasaray (Tur); Besiktas (Tur) v Maribor Teatanic; Olympiakos (Gr) v MPKC Mozyr; Casino Salzburg (Austria) v Sparta Prague (Cz); IFK Gothenburg v Rangers; Barcelona v Skonto Riga; Brondby IF (Den) v Dynamo Kiev. Newcastle United v Croatia Zagreb; Feyenoord (Holl) v Jazz Pori (Fin), Bayer Leverkusen (Ger) v Dinamo Tbilisi (Geo): Steaua Bucharest v Paris Saint-Germain; Widzew Lodz v Parma (It); Betar Jerusalem v Sporting Lisbon (Por); Anorthosis Famagusta v Lierse (Bel)

UEFA CUP: First qualifying round, second leg: Coleraine 1 Grasshopper Zurich (Switz) 7 (Grasshopper Zurich win 10-1 on agg); Dundee United 9 CE Principat 0. (Dundee United win 17-0 on agg); FC Yerevan (Arm) 0 Dnepr Dnepropetrovsk (Ukr) 2 (Dnepr win 8-1 on agg). Dinamo Bucharest (Rom) 1 KR Reykjavik (Ice) 2 (KR Reykjavik win 4-1 on agg). Otelul Galati (Rom) 4 Hit Gorica (Slovenia) 2 (4-4 on agg, HIT Gorica win on away goals); Boby Brno (Cz) 6 Inkaras Kaunas (Lith) 1 (Boby Brno win 7-4 on agg); Kolkheti-1913 Poti (Geo) 2 Dinamo Minsk (Bela) 1 (2-2 on agg, Dinamo Minsk win on away goals). Vorskla Poltava (Ukr) 2 Daugava Riga (Lat) 1 (Vorskla win 5-3 on agg); Karabakh Agdam (Azer) 0 Jablonec (Cz) 3 (Jablonec win 8-0 on agg); Pobeda Prilep (FYR Macedonia) 2 MKS Odra Wodzislaw (Pol) 1 (Wodzislaw win 4-2 on agg); Apollon Limassol (Cyp) 3 Mypa-47 (Fin) 0 (Apollon win 4-1 on agg). Flora Tallinn (Est) 1 Hapoel Petah Tikvah (Isr) 2 (Hapoel win 3-1 on agg); Tiligul Tiraspol (Mol) 1 Neuchâtel Xamax (Switz) 3 (Neuchâtel Xamax win 10-1 on agg); Neftochimik Burgas (Bul) 3 SK Brann (Nor) 2 (4-4 on agg, SK Brann win on away goals); Viking Stavanger (Nor) 0 Vojvodina Novi Sad (Yug) 2 (2-2 on agg, Viking win 5-4 on pens); Spartak Trnava (Slovakia) 3 Birkirkara (Malta) 1 (Spartak win 4-1 on agg). Kaksvikar Itrottarfelag (Faeroe Islands) 2, Ujpest Dozsa (Hun) 3 (Ujpest win 9-2 on agg); FC Jazz (Fin) 1 Lantana (Est) 0 (FC Jazz win 3-0 on agg)

INTERTOTO CUP: Second round, second leg: Halmstad (Swe) 1 Nijni Novgorod (Russ) 0 (Halmstad won 1-0 on agg). Bastia (Fr) 1 SV Hamburg (Ger) 1 (aet, Bastia win 2-1 on agg). Montpellier (Fr) 1 Cologne (Ger) 0 (2-2 on agg, Montpellier win on away goal); Lyons (Fr) 2 Istanbulspor (Tur) 0 (Lyons win 3-2 on agg); MSV Duisburg (Ger) 3 Dynamo Moscow (Russ) 1 (MSV Duisberg win 5-3 on agg); Torpedo Moscow (Russ) 4 Auxerre (Fr) 1 (4-4 on agg, Auxerre win on away goal).

PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Aberdeen 1 Blackburn Rovers 2; Accrington Stanley 2 Blackpool XI 1; Billericay 2 Norwich City XI 0; Blyth Spartans 3 Middlesbrough XI 2; Bradford City 0 Newcastle United 3; Brondby 2 West Ham United 1; Farnborough Town 2 Queens Park Rangers 2; Fisher 2 Barnet 1; Glentoran 0 Blackpool 0; Morecambe 1 Bolton Wanderers 3; Newry 0 Middlesbrough 5; Northwood 0 Watford 1; PSV Eindhoven 1 Arsenal 0; Portsmouth 1 Chelsea 4; Rushden and Diamonds 3 Ipswich Town 5; Stoke City 2 Coventry City 0; TEK United 0 Shamrock Rovers 2; Torquay United 0 Oldham Athletic 2; Wigan Athletic 0 Huddersfield Town 2; Manchester United 1 Internazionale 1; Lincoln City 3 Grimsby Town 1; Sunderland 0 Ajax 0; Emley 0 Scarborough 1

LIBERTADORES CUP: Semi-finals, second leg: Sporting Cristal (Peru) 4 Racing Club (Arg) 1 (Sporting Cristal win 6-4 on agg); Colo Colo (Chile) 3 Cruzeiro (Br) 2 (3-3 on agg. Cruzeiro win 5-4 on pens).

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Corinthians 0 Atlético Mineiro 0; Criciuma 2 São Paulo 1; Sport Recife 1 Flamengo 0; Vasco da Gama 2 Goias 0.

GLIDING

PRIEVIDZA, Slovakia: Women's European championships: Sixth day: Standard (315 km quad: 9 completions of 13): 1, G Sprackley (GB) 79kph, 1,000pts; 2, G Goeke (Ger) 73.8, 907; 3, C Schaich (Ger) 73.7, 906; 12, L Withall (GB) 289.7, 496. Leading overall positions: 1, Goeke 4,961; 2, Schaich 4,875; 3, Sprackley 4,828; 6, Withall 3,993. Club (279 km quad: five completions of 17): 1, C Luyat (Fr) 74.7, 1,000. 2, R Johnson (GB) 64, 936; 3, V Toporova (Ukr) 54.5, 856; 4, K Wetzel (Ger), 52.8, 855; 5, A Decloux (GB) 55.5, 849. Leading overall positions: 1, Luyat 4,857; 2, Toporova 4,250; 3, R Hassler (Ger) 4,239; 4, Johnson 4,239; 14, Decloux 3,341. 15 metre (320 km quad: six completions of 13): 1, Machinek (Ger) 77.6, 962; 2, M Thomas (Ger) 74.1, 922; 3, G Weinreich (Ger) 71.4, 890; 8, J Lewis (GB) 247.7, 514; 13, J Birch 25. 52. Leading overall positions: 1, Weinreich 5,172; 2, Machinek 4,895; 3, A Netusilova (Cz) 4,831; 11, Lewis 2,796; 12, Birch 1,799.

GOLF

ROYAL LIVERPOOL GC: English Amateur Championship: Third round: R Wilson (John O'Gaunt) bt K Caderny-Taylor (Newcastle United) 6 and 5, M J Blackey (Hayling) bt P Bradshaw (Gainsborough) 4 and 2; D Peel (Stockport) bt J Hall (Test Valley) 2 and 1; R Duck (Northamptonshire County) bt D MacKinnon (Fairhaven) 1 hole; J E Toman (Wharton Park) bt J Conteh (Moor Park) at 20th. S J Dyson (Sand Moor) bt P Stuart (The London) 1 hole; G J Bradley (Bramhall) bt S Wakefield (Trentham Park) 1 hole; M Carver (West Kent) bt K P Godfrey (St Enodoc) 5 and 3; S P Webster (Ifield) bt J E Morgan (Clevedon) 5 and 4; C J Smith (Scarborough South Cliff) bt G Homewood (Ashford Manor) 3 and 2; F McGuirk (Princes) bt R H Walmsley (Ringway) 2 holes; S East (Fulford) bt C J Murphy (Ross on Wye) 4 and 3; M Keeling (Burslem) bt D King (Fulford Heath) 4 and 2. R Blaxill (Wanstead) bt B Warren (Lansdown) at 19th, C Roake (Gerrards Cross) bt C Richardson (Burghley Park) 1 hole; A Wainwright (Garforth) bt S J Young (Seascale) 1 hole; R C W Dee (Orsett) bt W Tunell (East Sussex National) 2 and 1; K A Ferne (Alnmouth) bt C Jessup (Dudsbury) 2 and 1; J Jones (Enfield) bt P G Barnard (Ipswich) 5 and 5; P Streeter (Bolton Woods) bt R A Daniels (Romiley) 1 hole; M C Reynard (Moseley) bt D L Stockwell (Bedford and County) 4 and 3; O J Whiteley (Hillsborough) bt R Hughes (Caldy) 1 hole; P D Williams (Denton) bt I Lynar (The Leicestershire) at 20th; R Wiggins (Ponteland) bt D Dixon (Enmore Park) at 19th, J Harris (Newill) bt S Dixon (Fulwell) 2 and 1. N Richardson (Wentworth) bt S J Nesbitt (Emirates) 4 and 3; G Davies (Conwick Park) bt R Arbitt (Bishop Auckland) 2 and 1; R Finch (Hull) bt P O'Donnell (Sand Moor) 2 and 1; L G Orchard (Broadstone) bt L R Booth (Brokenhurst Manor) 4 and 3; P Rowe (West Cornwall) bt J Edwards (The Ridge) 1 hole; R M Roper (Catterick) bt P Brown (Ashford Manor) 5 and 4; J Little (Moor Park) bt J Levesmore (Clacton on Sea) 4 and 3. Fourth round: Blackey bt Wilson 4 and 2; Duck bt Peel 4 and 2. Dyson bt Toman 1 hole; Carver bt Bradley 4 and 3; Webster bt Smith 2 and 1; East bt McGuirk 1 hole; Keeling bt Blaxill 2 holes; Wainwright bt Roake 2 and 1; Ferne bt Dee 2 holes; Streeter bt Jones 5 and 4; Reynard bt Whiteley 3 and 2; Williams bt Wiggins 3 and 2; Harris bt Richardson 3 and 2. Finch bt Davies 2 and 1; Rowe bt Orchard 1 hole; Roper bt Little 3 and 2.

CARNOUSTIE: J & B Scottish Amateur Championship: Third round: B McDermott (Leven Thistle) bt S K Fraser (Callander) 6 and 4; G J Gordon (Newmachar) bt I Frizzel (Torwoodlee) 1 hole; T McLevy (Blairgowrie) bt K J Macnair (Hilton Park) 4 and 3; S Rennie (Airdrie) bt F Hutchison (Hayston) 4 and 2; A Forsyth (Ralston) bt S W Macdonald (Nairn) at 22nd; C Hislop (Powfoot) bt B Main (Nigg Bay) 6 and 5; F McCarron (Stonehaven) bt R Craig (Merchants of Edinburgh) 3 and 1; K Ralston (Shotts) bt D Dale (Bishopbriggs) 1 hole; P Jamieson (Cathkin Braes) bt P Whiteford (Lundin) 3 and 2; C Kelly (St Andrews New) bt R Milton (Strathaven) 3 and 2; G Lowson (Crieff) bt I Ford (Kelso) 1 hole; D Patrick (Mortonhall) bt L McLaughlin (Cowglen) 3 and 2; G Campbell (Blairgowrie) bt R Hinshelwood (Torrance House) 2 and 1; S Loughrey (Hayston) bt D Park (Wishaw) 1 hole; S Twynholm (Westerhope) bt A Thomson (Drumpellier) 4 and 3; F Hutchison (Dunfermline) bt A Lamond (Haggs Castle) 3 and 2; S Cairns (Bellshill) bt M Moir (Hamilton) 3 and 2; A Gold (Hamilton) bt M Dennyson (Dunbar) 4 and 3; R Thornton (Cardross) bt M Loftus (Cowglen) 3 and 2; W Taylor (Edzell) bt C Mitchell (Blairgowrie) 5 and 3; D Murphy (Thornton) bt G Campbell (Airdrie) 2 and 1; G Hay (Panmure) bt L Gray (Dunbar) at 19th; S Haugh (Colville Park) bt J Shearer (Ardeer) 2 and 1; A Weir (St Andrews) bt J Sharp (Cowal) 5 and 4; S Cairns (Bellshill) bt M Moir (Hamilton) 3 and 2; A Gold (Hamilton) bt M Dennyson (Dunbar) 4 and 3; R Thornton (Cardross) bt M Loftus (Cowglen) 3 and 2; W Taylor (Edzell) bt C Mitchell (Blairgowrie) 5 and 3; D Murphy (Thornton) bt G Campbell (Airdrie) 2 and 1; G Hay (Panmure) bt L Gray (Dunbar) at 19th; S Haugh (Colville Park) bt J Shearer (Ardeer) 2 and 1; A Weir (St Andrews) bt J Sharp (Cowal) 5 and 4; A Farmer (Kilmalcolm) bt G Crawford (Williamwood) 3 and 2; A Laurence (Baberton) bt A Forsyth (Muckhart) 1 hole; D Paton (Dunnikier Park) bt S Nicol (Kilmalcolm) 2 and 1; M Evans (Auchterarder) bt T Peebles (Carnoustie) 1 hole; M Brown (Monifieth) bt J Rae (Monifieth) 1 hole; S Horne (Tulliallan) bt R Bain (Emirates; Dubai) 1 hole; R Beames (Wick) bt A Montgomery (Merchants of Edinburgh) 4 and 3; G Fox (West Kilbride) bt J Gallacher (Wentworth) 3 and 1. Fourth round: McDermott bt Gordon at 19th; McLevy bt Rennie 5 and 4. Hislop bt Forsyth 1 hole; McCarron bt Ralston at 19th; Kelly bt Jamieson 2 and 1; Lowson bt Patrick 2 and 1; Loughrey bt Campbell 4 and 3; Twynholm bt Hutchison 4 and 3; Cairns bt Gold 2 holes; Taylor bt Thornton 4 and 3; Murphy bt Hay 2 and 1; Weir bt Haugh 4 and 2; Laurence bt Farmer 7 and 6; Paton bt Evans 2 and 1; Horne bt Brown 2 holes; Fox bt Beames 2 and 1.

PYLE AND KENFIG: Welsh Amateur Championship: Second-round qualifiers (for matchplay stage): 142: J R Donaldson (Macclesfield) 70, 72. 143: N B Edwards (Whitchurch) 73, 70. 144: M Smith (Forest Hill) 71, 73. 146: C Williams (Creigiau) 71, 75; R W Price (Monmouthshire) 70, 76; M J Pilkington (Pwllheli) 70, 76; L Harpin (North Wales) 68, 78. 147: M L Davies (Ferndown) 75, 72; H L James (Radyr) 72, 75. 148: C M Rees (Ashburnham) 74, 74; D M Stimpson (Ashburnham) 74, 74; A Smith (Rhondda) 73, 75; C Platt (Wrexham) 73, 75; I Campbell (Newport) 71, 77. 149: M L Griffiths (Woodlake Park) 75, 74. M R Davies (Pennard) 74, 75; O J Pughe (Oswestry) 73, 76; C Rowe (Pontardawe) 72, 77; R A Williams (Conway) 71, 78. 150: G Austerberry (Radyr) 73, 77; R Brookman (Creigiau) 72, 78. G S Rees (Southerndown) 72, 78. 151: Y Taylor (Brynhill) 77, 74; D G Byles (Monmouthshire) 76, 75. M J Burton (West Wales) 75, 76. J Powell (Hinckley) 75, 76; R A Emmanuel (Cardigan) 74, 77; I M Booth (Pyle and Kenfig) 74, 77; K L Sullivan (Brynhill) 71, 80; P Richards (Aberystwyth) 70, 81. 152: J Pugh (Whitchurch) 76, 76. A A Delves (Padeswood and Buckley) 76, 76. First round: Donaldson bt Delves 3 and 2; Davies bt Pughe 2 and 1; Byles bt James 3 and 2; Burton bt Davies at 19th; Price bt Booth 2 and 1; Smith bt Brookman 2 and 1; Austerberry bt Platt 2 holes; Williams bt Sullivan at 19th; Smith bt Richards 3 and 1; Campbell bt Williams 2 and 1; Stimpson bt Rees 3 and 2; Pilkington bt Emanuel 5 and 4. Powell bt Harpin 3 and 2; Rees bt Taylor 2 and 1; Rowe bt Griffiths 3 and 2; Edwards bt Pugh 3 and 2.

NETBALL

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Namibia 29, England 67.

RIFLE SHOOTING

CAMP PERRY, Ohio: Pershing Trophy match: 1, United States 3,990pts (289); 2, Great Britain 3,987 (273); 3, Canada 3,939 (226).

RUGBY LEAGUE

DIVISIONAL PREMIERSHIP: Cumbria pool: Barrow 12 Workington 14; Lancashire Lynx 22 Carlisle 26. Lancashire pool: Swinton 28 Leigh 17; Widnes 50 Rochdale 10. East Yorkshire pool: Wakefield 31 Featherstone 22; York 15 Hull KR 31. West Yorkshire pool: Batley 14 Dewsbury 18; Bramley 18 Hunslet 25.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: Northern Territory Under-20 3 England Schools 18-group 115 (in Darwin, Australia).

SAILING

LOOE, Cornwall: Solo world championship: Sixth race: 1, A Bood (Bartley SC); 2, I Walters (Grafham SC); 3, M Budd (Leigh and Lowton SC). Overall: 1, Budd 14pts; 2, G Carveth (Littleton SC) 14; 3, H Hilary (Chichester SC) 17.

SPEEDWAY

ELITE LEAGUE: Poole 48 Coventry 42; King's Lynn 50 Peterborough 40.

PREMIER LEAGUE: Long Eaton 46 Reading 44; Hull 51 Isle of Wight 39.

TENNIS

ILKLEY: Satellite tournament (GB unless stated): Women: Second round: G Biggs (Aus) bt L Ogan 6-1, 6-3; S de Beer (SA) bt T Musgrave (Aus) 4-6, 6-3, 6-3; H Crook bt A Jensen (Aus) 3-6, 6-4, 6-3; J Luttova (Russ) bt A Janes 6-4, 6-2; J Ward bt V Davies 6-2, 6-2; M Malhotra (India) bt A Cohen (US) 7-6, 7-5; C Udoka (Nigeria) bt L Jellis 6-3, 6-7, 6-1; N Egorova (Russ) bt M Joubert (SA) 6-4, 6-3.

AMSTERDAM: Men's tournament: Second round: S Dosedel (Cz) bt H Arazi (Morocco) 7-5, 7-6; M Filippini (Uru) bt K Alami (Morocco) 6-3, 3-6, 6-6; C Ruud (Nor) bt H Dreekmann (Ger) 7-5, 6-4; J van Lottum (Holl) bt D van Scheppingen (Holl) 6-0, 7-6; J Sánchez (Sp) bt H Gumy (Arg) 4-6, 6-4, 7-6; E Alvarez (Sp) bt F Clavet (Sp) 6-1, 2-6, 6-4; C Moya (Sp) bt F Vicente (Sp) 6-4, 6-3; M Norman (Swe) bt M Gustafsson (Swe) 6-4, 6-4. Quarter-finals: Filippini bt Sánchez 7-6, 6-1, Dosedel bt Van Lottum 6-4, 4-6, 6-2.

MONTREAL: Men's tournament: Second round: G Raoux (Fr) bt S Leblanc (Can) 6-1, 6-4; W Ferreira (SA) bt C Caratti (It) 6-1, 6-2; A O'Brien (US) bt M Ondruska (SA) 6-4, 7-6; T Muster (Austria) bt J Salzenstein (US) 4-6, 7-6, 6-3; J Gimelstob (US) bt S Draper (Aus) 6-3, 6-1; M Philippoussis (Aus) bt S Campbell (US) 6-2, 6-4; T Enqvist (Swe) bt T Haas (Ger) 6-7, 6-4, 6-4; M Tebbutt (Aus) bt P Rafter (Aus) 6-7, 6-4, 6-4; F Santoro (Fr) bt G Grant (US) 6-2, 6-1; M Chang (US) bt S Stolle (Aus) 6-1, 1-0 ret; G Ivanisevic (Cro) bt B Steven (NZ) 6-6, 6-7, 6-4.

CARLSBAD, California: Women's tournament: Second round (US unless stated): M Hingis (Switz) bt V Williams (US) 6-2, 6-1; M Seles (US) bt A Sugiyama (Japan) 6-4, 6-4; A Coetzer (SA) bt A-G Sidot (Fr) 6-2, 6-1; S Testud (Fr) bt A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) 6-1, 6-2; M Pierce (Fr) bt N Tauziat (Fr) 6-2, 6-1; N Zvereva (Bela) bt I Spirlea (Rom) 6-2, 6-0; Y Basuki (Indo) bt A Huber (Ger) 6-2, 2-6, 6-2.

MARIA LANKOWITZ, Austria: Women's tournament: Second round: B Schett (Austria) w/o C Torrens-Valero (Sp) scr; M Babel (Ger) bt J Kruger (SA) 6-4, 6-1; G Leon Garcia (Sp) bt D Chladkova (Cz) 6-0, 6-3; J Wiesner (Austria) bt A Cocheteux (Fr) 6-3, 6-0; M Sánchez-Lorenzo (Sp) bt V Ruano-Pascual (Sp) 7-6, 3-6, 6-2; H Nagyova (Slovakia) bt I Gorrochategui (Arg) 7-5, 6-4; P Schnyder (Switz) bt M Grzybowska (Pol) 6-1, 2-0 ret; B Paulus (Austria) bt L Garrone (It) 6-3, 6-4.

BOURNEMOUTH: Borotra Cup (Boys 18 and under international event): Semi-finals: Great Britain bt Belarus 2-1; Denmark bt Russia 3-0.

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GOLF

Rocca refreshed by reacquaintance with Cup of cheer

FROM MEL WEBB IN MALMÖ

THERE is little doubt that the outstanding personality in European golf at present is not a human being but a 70-year-old hunk of metal. It is on everybody's lips, this venerable lump of silverware. It is causing players and those associated with them to jump through hoops in search of a taste of its mystic charm. The star of the show is the Ryder Cup and it is doing all sorts of things to all sorts of people.

Of the 12 positions in the Europe team, five are accounted for — Messrs Montgomerie, Clarke, Woosnam, Westwood and Langer are safe. They are beyond threat. They can breathe easily, for a few weeks at least. However, although it is very unlikely that one or two of the remaining seven can realistically be eliminated, several places have still to be won and lost.

The situation is still highly volatile; it is a time to be optimistic bull, not hopeful bear. The players try to mask their concern with bold words and laughter, but their *badinage* has no more substance than the make-up on a pantomime dame.

The main business of the Volvo Scandinavian Masters, which started at Barsebäck near here yesterday, is ostensibly to find a winner of the £125,000 first prize. The rather more hidden agenda is how some of the players in the nether regions of the Cup qualifying list fare relative to each other.

José Maria Olazábal, for example, is tenth, a mere 3,000 points and pounds sterling ahead of Padraig Harrington, but a delay of 3½ hours because of heavy rain, thunder and lightning early on meant that he had not started before Harrington got his retaliation in first with a 66, six under par.

The strapping Dubliner was on the outer fringes of contention until he tied for fifth place and won £62,500 in the Open Championship. Now he has a genuine chance — "I'm within shooting distance and I've got to give it a go," he said. The go he gave it had bells on.

He intends to play in all three European tournaments between now and the close of the qualification period at the end of this month and, on the strength of his Open performance, his managers have inquired about an invitation to play in the US PGA Championship, also a Cup qualifier.

Three times a Walker Cup player as an amateur, Harrington, 25, is not short of matchplay experience. Forget his self-deprecating claim that he had forgotten all about playing for holes and not money — he remembers, all right. He had six birdies and only 27 putts, including a monster of 50 feet at the 17th. One or two complained gently about the soft Barsebäck greens; Harrington was not one of them.

Nor was Costantino Rocca, who celebrated a return to fitness with a 65 to take the lead on seven under par. Rocca, out of sorts, out of form and sliding down the chart like an out-of-vogue pop singer, first had a shoulder injury, then hurt his ribs at the Irish Open at the beginning of last month when he tried to hack his way out of some vegetation. "The rough was stronger than I was," he said, smiling his wide, sad, Pagliacci smile.

He has removed an elastic bandage from his ribs only this week, and, able to swing freely again, produced his best score of a modest season — he is 55th on the money-list with barely £70,000. He had seven birdies, including five in his first nine holes.

Rocca has played in two Ryder Cups; in the first he was a nervous new boy, in the second one of Europe's leading players. At 40 he wants a third appearance so badly it almost hurts, for he will not get too many more chances. "It would be good for me and good for Italy," he said. It would also be good, one suspects, for Europe.

EARLY SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 65: C Rocca (It). 66: P Harrington. 67: I Garrido (Sp), M Roe, J Haeggman (Swe). 68: G Evans, M Tunnicliff, S Bottomley, R Karlsson (Swe), D Hospital (Sp), S Grappasonni (It). 69: S Field, D Clarke, D Howell, J Remesy (Fr). 70: M Olander (Swe), S Webster, D Edlund (Swe), P Hedblom (Swe), M Jonzon (Swe), D Higgins, G J Brand, A Binaghi (It). 71: M Anglert (Swe), E Canonica (It), C Watts, M Long (NZ), E Darcy, P Eales, D Smyth, F Roca (Sp), M A Jiménez (Sp), A Mednick (Swe), S Luna (Sp), P McGinley. 72: R Wessels (SA), M Hallberg (Swe), *J Backstom (Swe), K Tomori (Japan), L Westwood, S Torrance, R Burns, B Davis, F Lindgren (Swe), J Wade (Aus), P Nyman (Swe), M Farry (Fr). 73: J Skold (Swe), J C Piñero (Sp), G Emerson, A Oldcorn, M Davis, A Cejka (Ger), P Linhart (Sp), P Haugsrud (Nor). * denotes amateur

Dyson strides into the quarter-finals

SIMON DYSON beat Matt Carver, the international, 6 and 5 in the English Amateur Championship at Royal Liverpool yesterday.

Dyson, 19, from Leeds, the nephew of Terry Dyson, the former Tottenham Hotspur winger, won six holes in a row to go five up and when he hit a wedge to six inches at the short 13th, booked his place in the quarter-finals today.

Dyson now plays another seed, Matthew Blackey, who sailed through two rounds, 4 and 2 against Robert Wilson and 6 and 5 over Robert Duck. In high wind and driving rain, experience was a big factor, and Stephen East, 37, struck a blow for the amateurs by edging out Francis McGuirk, from Kent, by one hole, while Roger Roper, 35, went through 3 and 2 against Jamie Little, 20.

Roger Beames, of Wick, the last remaining seed in the J&B Scottish Amateur Championship, bowed out 2 and 1 in the fourth round to Graham Fox, the Scottish youth international, at a bright and breezy Carnoustie.

Yestyn Taylor, the title-holder, bowed out of the Welsh Amateur Championship at Pyle and Kenfig, Porthcawl, when he slipped to a 2 and 1 defeat by Chris Rees, the 1986 champion.

Marshall's plan working

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN OAKVILLE, ONTARIO

KATHRYN MARSHALL, the combative Solheim Cup player from Monifieth, battled a migraine to set the early standard with a score of 68, five under par, in the first round of the du Maurier Classic, the last major championship of the women's season, at the Glen Abbey club here yesterday.

Marshall, 30, only has one victory to her name as a professional, but loves the big occasion. The Scot was sharing the lead with Colleen Walker, of the United States, and they were a stroke ahead of two Americans, Tammie Green and Dana Dormann, and Jan Stephenson, the veteran Australian.

On a sunny day, with a breeze that gusted enough to make club selection tricky, especially at the many holes bordered by water, Marshall began steadily. Starting at the 10th, she had three pars, before picking up birdies at the 13th and 14th, two holes that were to do Green a lot of damage. Marshall followed with a birdie four at the 16th and although she was then sharing second place, there was no sign of her name on the giant leaderboard at the 18th.

She missed a chance of another birdie four there, chipping too far after two good shots into prime position, and did well to save her par-five at the next, another birdie chance. Marshall hit her second shot into trees by the green, pitched into a bunker and got up and down. She celebrated the reprieve with birdies at the 4th and 5th.

Green, who won this title in 1989, is enjoying a purple patch. She won the Eagle Creek Classic in front of her own folk in Ohio last Sunday, beating Laura Davies at the fifth extra hole, and carried on in the same vein over the border in Canada. Out in 32, four under par, Green birdied the 10th and 12th to move out in front at six under par. Fortunately for her pursuers, she stumbled over the next two holes, part of the Abbey's punishing loop.

Green dropped a shot at the 13th and two more at the 14th, before recovering with a birdie two at the 15th — she birdied all four short holes — where the green is one of several cooled by electric fans.

Davies, the defending champion, made an encouraging start. With the breeze behind, she hit a drive in the region of 300 yards onto the fairway at the 509-yard 1st and put her second, with a mid-iron, 20 feet from the pin, to start with a birdie four.

EARLY FIRST-ROUND SCORES (US unless stated): 68: K Marshall (GB), C Walker. 69: T Green, D Dormann, J Stephenson (Aus). 70: J Anschutz, J Crafter (Aus). 71: M Estill. 72: T Hanson. 73: K Bauer, K Guadagnino, V Goetze-Ackerman, R Hetherington (Aus). 74: K Coats. 75: S Strudwick (GB), T Tombs (Can). 76: C Mockett. 77: B Bunkowsky Scherbak (Can). 79: A Miller, S Croce (It). 80: P Wright (GB). 81: D Killeen.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Currie stands by his prediction

IT IS unusual for Tony Currie — nicknamed "Mr Grumpy" — on occasion — to smile in defeat (Christopher Irvine writes). After London Broncos lost 34-18 to Canterbury Bulldogs in the world club championship, the Broncos coach wore a Cheshire Cat grin and predicted that the result would be reversed in the home leg.

Despite the defeat in Sydney, the Broncos mustered enough collective resolve to justify Currie's claim, which will be tested tonight at the Stoop Memorial Ground, where no opponents can feel safe after the loss there by Canberra Raiders, even though Brisbane Broncos bucked the trend last Sunday.

"We played well at Canberbury, sufficiently well to say what I did," Currie said. "We have home advantage, we won't have Bill Harrigan refereeing, we are playing well and, good as Canterbury are, they aren't as good as they once were."

Currie appeared in a Sydney grand final with Canterbury as a young centre and broke into the Australia side during a three-year spell there. He has respect for his former club, but it is self-belief that helped the Broncos to account for Canberra, and there is the incentive tonight that victory would guarantee them a home quarter-final.

Victory against Canterbury would put the Broncos at the top of Europe pool A. Were Wigan then to be beaten by Canberra on Sunday, the Broncos would have home advantage through to the semi-finals.

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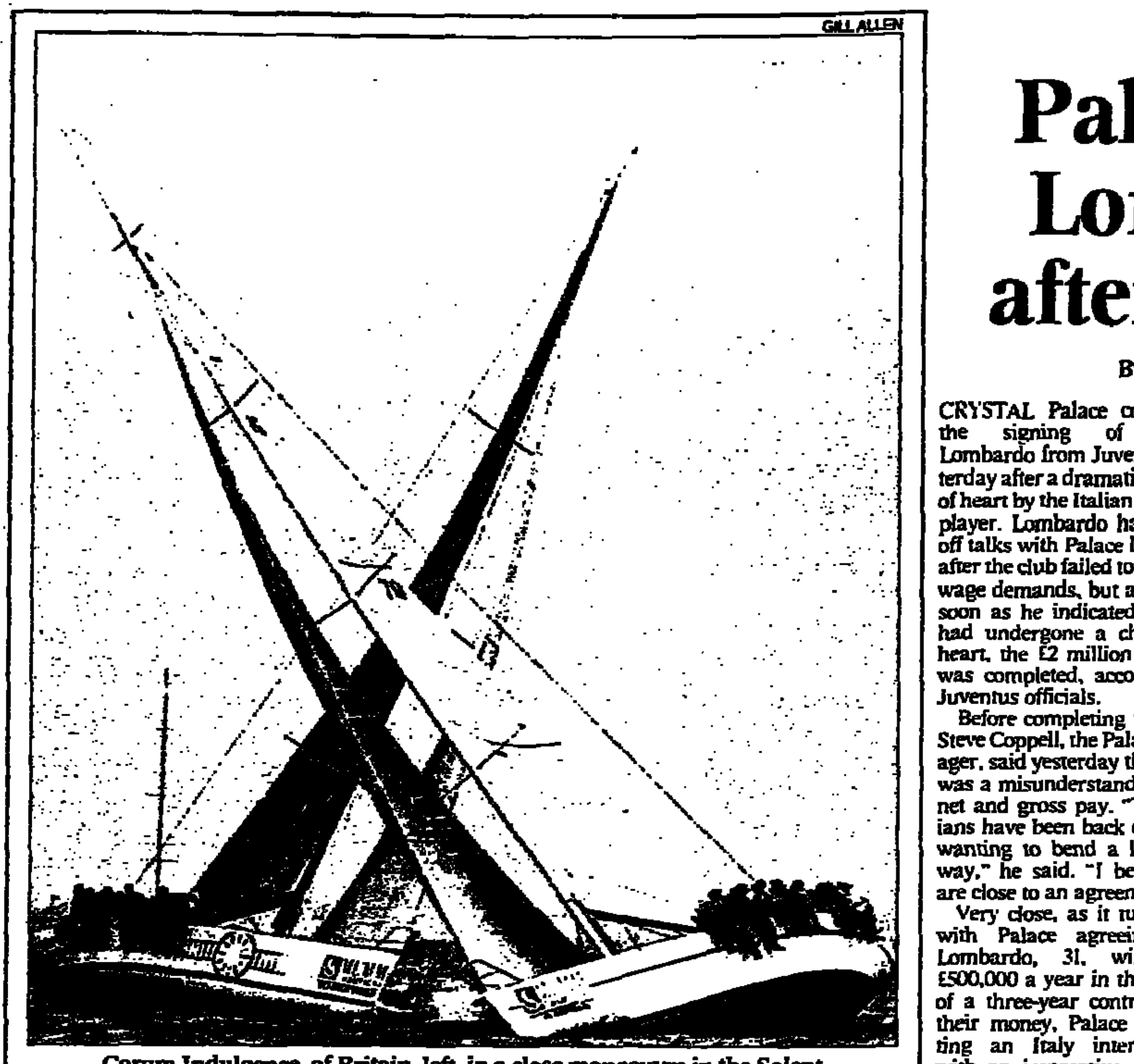

Corum Indulgence, of Britain, left, in a close manoeuvre in the Solent

British skipper's error costs him almost certain victory

BY EDWARD GORMAN, SAILING CORRESPONDENT

JOHN MERRICKS, the skipper of the British Admiral's Cup team Mumm 36, *Bradamante*, could only reflect yesterday on what might have been, after he threw away a certain win in race two of the championship on the Solent, by going round the last mark of the course the wrong way.

Merricks who started the Cup series in the morning with a fine second place behind the Italians in *Breeze*, would have been overnight leader with a first and a second had he not slipped at the finish. Instead, like four other boats in the fleet who followed him round the wrong way, he now has at worst a disqualification or at best a retirement on his scorecard.

The only crew who realised the fleet error was *Breeze*, skippered by Paolo Gaia, with Eddie Warden Owen, of Britain, sailing as tactician. They also went round the wrong way in last place having sailed over their spinnaker earlier in the race but, realising their mistake, they went back and corrected themselves. This gave the Italians potentialy two wins for the day.

Like the other Mumm 36s, there was a sinking feeling on *Bradamante* as Merricks brought her into the dock.

In the big boat class, Graham Walker's Corel 45, *Corum Indulgence*, driven by Chris Law, showed more of the fine form of last weekend. Law again started well and finished the day with two second places. He again showed he can beat the bigger and massively more developed one-offs in the class on handicap.

In the first race Law was fifth on the water at the finish, but a full 3min 18sec ahead of last-placed *Investor*. The big boat fleet saw the most dramatic incident of the day when the Italians in *Madina Milano* rounded the second windward mark and cracked off on a short reach, only to lose control completely when the cable to their rudder snapped. The boat circled back to the mark as Syd Fisher's *Ragamuffin* was rounding, and there was an initial collision at right angles, before *Madina* slewed right into the Australian boat and her boom swept the Australian deck. Nobody was injured.

In the ILC 40 fleet, Tony Buckingham's *Easy Oars* steered by Andy Beadsworth, had a poor first race when she clipped a mark while in fifth place. She finished last after taking a penalty. In the second race, *Easy Oars* managed fifth, but is likely to be the weakest British boat.

FOOTBALL

Palace sign Lombardo after rethink

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

CRYSTAL Palace completed the signing of Attilio Lombardo from Juventus yesterday after a dramatic change of heart by the Italian midfield player. Lombardo had called off talks with Palace last week after the club failed to meet his wage demands, but almost as soon as he indicated that he had undergone a change of heart, the £2 million transfer was completed, according to Juventus officials.

Before completing the deal, Steve Coppell, the Palace manager, said yesterday that there was a misunderstanding over net and gross pay. "The Italians have been back on to us, wanting to bend a little our way," he said. "I believe we are close to an agreement."

Very close, as it turns out, with Palace agreeing that Lombardo, 31, will earn £500,000 a year in the course of a three-year contract. For their money, Palace are getting an Italy international with an impressive pedigree after six years at Sampdoria and two with Juventus, although his spell in Turin was hampered by a series of injuries.

Arsène Wenger, the Arsenal manager, will make a determined effort to spare two of his players from suspensions after they were sent off in a pre-season match on Tuesday evening.

Patrick Vieira and Matthew Upson were dismissed by Jan Wegereef, the Dutch referee, in the final minutes of the 1-0 defeat by PSV Eindhoven. The official confirmed yesterday that he will report the dismissals to the Dutch FA, which will then forward the report to the Football Association.

The two players would then be banned for 14 days from when the report arrives at Lancaster Gate, although even that is not a foregone conclusion. The Danish FA has not sent on the report on the sending off of Mark Wright, the Liverpool defender, against Brondby nearly two weeks ago, leaving Wright clear to play in the opening games of the season.

"Sometimes reports are not forwarded to us, it all depends on the policy of national associations," Steve Double, the FA spokesman, said, "but it could arrive at any time. It is often in the lap of the gods."

Wegereef said: "The players left me with no alternative, but if I had known how it was going to end, I would have blown for time a minute earlier. It was only a friendly after all."

The decisions provoked a furious reaction from Wenger. "It's ridiculous," he said. "It was a friendly and there was no particular damage. I will speak to the referee because I think he cannot do that. He was just not very good and nor was the linesman."

Vieira was dismissed for kneeing an opponent in the last minute and was followed moments later by Upson for "serious foul play". Upson had hoped to plead mistaken identity because Luis Boa Morte also made a reckless challenge in the same incident involving Igor Demo. However, study of television replays showed that Upson caught the back of Demo's ankle from behind.

West Ham United and Southend United have announced that they are to forge a "special relationship" similar to the link between Liverpool and Crewe Alexandra. The move follows the appointment of Alvin Martin, the former West Ham defender, as manager of Southend.

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IN BRIEF

Ferrari to keep faith with Irvine

EDDIE IRVINE will continue to drive for Ferrari next year, the Formula One team announced yesterday, ending months of speculation over the future of the Ulsterman.

Irvine, who, like Michael Schumacher, struggled against problems of unreliability with the car last year, is sixth in the world drivers' championship, which is led by his German team-mate.

Cycling: Graeme Obree, one of Great Britain's most colourful and successful riders of the past decade, returns to competition tomorrow in the Brough Wheelers ten-mile time-trial. Obree said earlier this season that he was retiring, in the absence of a Sports Council grant, to concentrate on starting a cycle accessory business.

Tennis: Martina Hingis and Monica Seles have advanced to the quarter-finals of the Toshiba Classic in California, beating Venus Williams and Ai Sugiyama respectively, but Arantxa Sánchez Vicario led a procession of seeded players, including Anke Huber and Irina Spirlea, who failed to survive the second round.

Rugby union: Doddie Weir is back in training with his Newcastle team-mates after recovering from a knee injury, sustained on the British Isles tour of South Africa, that many feared would cost him his career.

Swimming: Michelle Smith, of Ireland, the triple Olympic champion, will attempt to break the world short-course record over 200 metres butterfly at Bishopstown, Cork, on August 10.

Shooting: Great Britain finished in second place, three points behind the United States, in the Pershing Trophy match at Camp Perry, Ohio, yesterday.

Ice hockey: Belfast hopes to have a Superleague team based at the new Odyssey indoor arena by 2000.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

In the Refresher last week, I wrote about the situation where declarer had the ace and king in the suit led against a No-Trump contract, and it benefited him to duck the opening lead. Take a look at the following hand and see if you can apply some of the same principles:

North:
♠A 10 2
♥8 5
♦A J 9 4 3
♣K 10 5

West:
♠Q 9 7 3
♥K Q 10 9 3
♦Q 8 5
♣4

East:
♠8 6 5
♥7 6 4
♦7 6
♣A 8 7 6 3

South:
♠K J 4
♥A J 2
♦K 10 2
♣Q J 9 2

Contract: Three No-Trumps by South. Lead: king of hearts

If declarer wins the king of hearts lead he may still make his contract with the aid of some good guessing in spades and diamonds. But why guess when there is a 100 per cent play?

If declarer ducks the king of hearts West has two unappetising alternatives. Firstly, he could continue with hearts, hoping that his partner has the ace or the jack, although there would only be a possibility of this if East were a beginner. Against a No-Trump contract you should lead an honour only from a strong holding, so East would know that he should play the ace or jack, if he held either, at trick one. If West continues with a second heart, declarer gets an extra trick in the suit and it is still not established. He can then afford to knock out the ace of clubs to make sure of his nine tricks.

Alternatively, West might switch at trick two. A diamond or a spade would solve declarer's problems in the suit while a club would do him no harm either. In fact, the best defence is a club switch from West. East wins his ace and plays a second heart, ducked by declarer. Now West can establish his suit and declarer has only eight winners. However, it is not difficult for declarer to play the king of diamonds and then run the ten, knowing that even if it loses to East he may not have another heart to play.

The play of ducking the opening lead of a king when you have A J x is known as a Bath Coup. It dates back to the early days of whist.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

MOHOOHOO
a. The white rhinoceros
b. Haitian evil spirit
c. Didgeridoo-like musical instrument

NOIX
a. The rump
b. A night-light
c. Neither. . . nor

LEVADA
a. A morning call
b. A canal
c. A levy

HAPTINE
a. Like a Harpy
b. A coincidence
c. A rogue cell

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KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Newport tournament

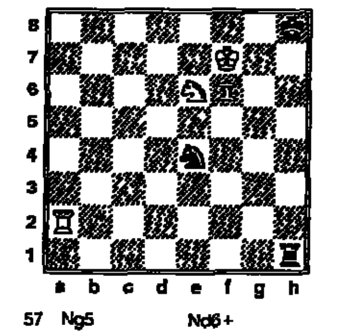
The tournament at Newport has continued the proliferation of international standard tournaments in the UK since 1993. The winner played the following remarkable game which includes an amazing knight sacrifice in the endgame.

White: Kelly
Black: Ansell
Newport, July 1997

English Opening

1	Nf3	Nf6
2	d4	c5
3	c4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	e5
5	Nb5	d5
6	cxd5	Bc5
7	e3	0-0
8	N5c3	e4
9	a3	a5
10	Be2	Qe7
11	Nd2	Rd8
12	Nc4	Nxd5
13	Nxd5	Qg5
14	h4	Qxd5
15	Qxd5	Rxd5
16	Nd2	Re5
17	b3	Nc6
18	Bb2	Re7
19	Rc1	Bb6
20	h5	h6
21	Rh4	f5
22	Bc4+	Be6
23	Rf4	Rf8
24	g4	Bxc4
25	Nxc4	Bc7
26	Rxf5	Rxf5
27	gxf5	Rf7
28	Ke2	Rxf5
29	Rg1	Ne5
30	Nd2	Rxh5
31	Nxe4	Kf7
32	Rc1	Nc6
33	Nc5	Be5
34	Bxe5	Rxe5
35	Nxb7	Nd4+
36	Kd3	Nxb3
37	Rc3	a4
38	Nd6+	Ke6
39	Ne4	h5
40	f4	Rd5+
41	Ke2	Kf5
42	Kf3	Rd1
43	Ng3+	Kg6
44	Rc6+	Kh7
45	Nxh5	Ra1
46	Rc7	Rxa3
47	Nxg7	Ra1
48	f5	a3
49	Ne6+	Kh8
50	Ra7	a2
51	Ke4	Nd2+
52	Ke5	Re1
53	Rxa2	Rxe3+
54	Kf6	Ne4+
55	Kf7	Rh3
56	f6	Rh1

Diagram for position after Black's 56th move



57	Ng5	Nd6+
58	Kg6	Rc1
59	f7	Black resigns

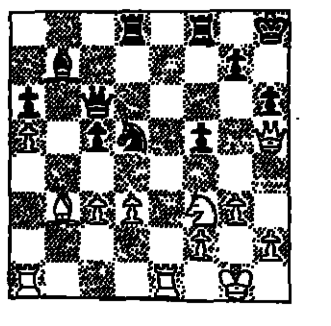
☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
1 Kelly	*	0	½	½	1	1	½	1	1	1	6½
2 Beaumont	1	*	½	½	1	½	0	½	1	1	6
3 Dunnington	½	½	*	½	½	½	1	½	1	1	6
4 Gormally	½	½	½	*	½	½	1	½	1	1	6
5 Wall	0	0	½	½	*	½	1	1	½	1	5
6 Williams	0	½	½	½	½	*	0	½	1	1	4½
7 Dearing	½	1	0	0	0	1	*	½	0	1	4
8 Ansell	0	½	½	½	0	½	½	*	½	1	4
9 Cole	0	0	0	0	½	0	1	½	*	1	3
10 Brooks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	0

In the above table, 1 represents a win, ½ a draw and 0 a loss

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene



Black to play. This position is from the game Almasi — Adams, Pula 1997.

In this position, Black has two promising looking moves: 1 ... Nxc3 and 1 ... Nf6, both attacking the white knight on f3. Adams chose the latter and won quickly. What is wrong with 1 ... Nxc3?

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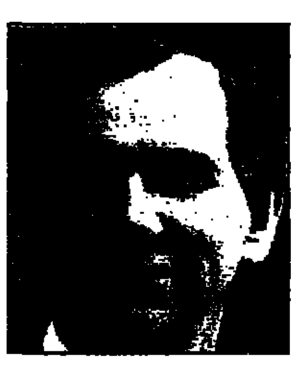
Betrayal of the true sporting spirit



ROB HUGHES

Chief Sports Writer

The so-called guardians of international athletics, who voted yesterday, on the eve of the world championships in Athens, to soften the resolve of sport against the abuse of drugs, have betrayed two generations.

First and foremost, there is the coming generation of competitors, those children coming into the care of athletics, for whom the message is abhorently plain: cheat if you can, take illegal substances where you will, and the worst that the godfathers of your sport have in store for you is a couple of seasons in the sin bin.

At the other extreme, there is the betrayal of Sir Arthur Gold, now an elderly gentleman, but at one time an administrator with more courage and more sense of propriety than many of today's rulers put together.

In his time in charge of British athletics, Sir Arthur took enormous pains, and accepted torrents of derision, for his insistence that even if Britain had to go it alone, those responsible for the good of the sport and its future had to declare this country — unilaterally, if necessary — utterly and totally against doping.

Sir Arthur won his persuasive argument in this country at least. It is a small relief to note that when the acquiescence came yesterday, Britain, as well as Canada, New Zealand, Australia, Norway and some Caribbean countries swelled the vote against ameliorating the punishment for drug abuse.

Still they lost; swayed by Dr Primo Nebiolo, the president of the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF), whose leadership took, as usual, the form of expediency over decency, 112 members voted in favour of halving the four-year ban for drug-takers. Fifty-six voted against, three abstained.

So now many will go into the heat and humidity of Athens lost for hope. Aware that athletics remains at the very core of the Olympic ideal, we must still search these world games over the next nine days — games held in the very cradle of the ethos that spoke of "sound mind in a sound body" — desperately willing to see it as something more than a sham.

It gets tougher with every passing year. Even Ben Johnson, found guilty of drug abuse at the Seoul Olympics nine years ago, is contemplating court action to win back his place on the track. That was the excuse for a reduction put forward by some who voted yesterday. They claim that because civil courts in Germany have adjudged that a four-year ban on someone whose body has been proven conclusively to be riddled with substances that enable him to cheat constitutes a restraint of trade.

I use the word excuse because those gentleman of the committee could just as easily acknowledge that, also in Germany, there are broken athletes, men and women who were the children of the corrupt East German sporting regime, who are preparing court cases against the doctors and coaches who administered the drugs to them.

Where, on earth, are we going? Stripped of this trend towards leniency, Nebiolo's credo is one of greed for his sport. He promotes these world championships on faster and faster cycles. He smiles and greets the Greeks, whose ancestors framed the original ethic of sport, an ethic we must surely not surrender as a myth, and acknowledges that Athens is desperate to reclaim the Olympic Games, to bring the flame home. And Nebiolo, bare-faced, will tout to stage the Olympic Games in 2004 not in Athens, but in Rome.

Nebiolo is as bogus as some of those athletes he would welcome back to the arena; back, nowadays, to monetary prizes that, like drugs were never part of the Olympic or the athletic dream. But this Latin ruler, together with those Lords of the Rings, Juan Antonio Samaranch and João Havelange, promoters of the golden triangle of sport-television-money, should not be made the only scapegoats of the era in which ideology became poisoned.

For if there are corrupters at work, it is the duty of others, those — like Nebiolo — seen fit to govern their sport, to oppose them, to say "no".

It is not only Sir Arthur Gold who is being cheated. It is not merely that drugs are the cheat's substance. It is that these pills, these injections, and these stimulants, given by corrupt chemists who know the repercussions, actually damage the human body, not enhance it. It is high time we found men and women of courage — starting with all the clean athletes — to stand against the warping of the meaning of sport.

David Powell on a Briton timing his run towards sprint glory

Chambers keen to avoid false start

Britain's latest sprint sensation entered a different world here in Athens on Wednesday evening from the one he had left behind on Monday. "I was like a king out there," Dwain Chambers said with reference to Ljubljana and how the Slovenians had responded to witnessing his piece of athletics history. Now he was having to sample life as a courtier.

Within a week of becoming the fastest teenager of all time, winning the 100 metres at the European junior championships, Chambers flew in to join the Great Britain squad for the senior world championships. His world junior record of 10.06sec places a substantial burden on *19*-year-old shoulders.

Chambers offers a bemused look when he listens to a random list of names of athletes who were slower at his age: Carl Lewis, Linford Christie, Donovan Bailey and — dare one say? — Ben Johnson. Already he is faster than Allan Wells, the 1980 Olympic champion, and every other Briton who has run the distance, except Christie.

A Londoner born of Jamaican parents, Chambers did not make the team here for the 100 metres, only for the relay. The frustration that he felt when the team was announced, a week before he went to Ljubljana, has given way to a reluctant admission that it is probably for the best.

This is education time. "I have only ever seen the Donovan Baileys and Michael Johnsons on television," Chambers said. "It has not sunk in yet that I am here with them. I am going to use this opportunity to study them, see how they conduct themselves and take it all in."

It will be a long road for Chambers if he is to enjoy at senior level the kind of memories he will keep from Ljubljana. "They loved me, the crowd went mad," he said. He recalled how, when he returned to the stadium the next day, a trader had set up a stand selling photographs of him.

"I couldn't believe it," Chambers said. "It is an experience I will treasure for the rest of my life." For the better if his recollections drive him forward to experience those emotions again, for the worse if they sadden him during the difficult transition from junior to senior ranks. All too often, promising young British athletes have failed to leap the chasm, unable to take the unusual feeling of defeat.

The first step towards a successful transition is for the athlete to recognise that he needs to go through the humbling process. Chambers, though still exuberant about his Ljubljana experience, was keen to impress that he was taking nothing for granted.

"People are going to expect big things from me, but I am going to take it year by year," Chambers said. "I do not want to put pressure on myself by saying that, just because I have run 10.06, next year I should run under ten. I may not run that time again for the next two or three years."

Ian Mackie, who has succeeded Christie as British champion and whose best is 10.17sec, drew attention to Chambers enjoying in Ljubljana the benefit of the maximum legal tail wind. "I would have loved those conditions myself," Mackie said. "The first thing I thought was 9.9."

Implicit in Mackie's comment was that he would still expect to beat Chambers and, with maximum legal wind assistance, break ten seconds. "He is very talented, very strong, and I think he will do extremely well," Mackie added. "But people now are going to be looking at *him to run 10.1* consistently. There is that kind of pressure on him."

Chambers is 5ft 11in and 13st and Malcolm Arnold, Britain's performance director, described him as "physically precocious". He had, Arnold said, "thrown a hand grenade in among our sprinters". Makes a change from throwing tantrums and spikes, which he did at the world junior championships last year. Expecting a medal, he finished fifth.

"I think my spikes might have hit somebody," Chambers recalled. "The team management tried to talk to me, but I ignored them. That was the turning-point in my career." It was not that he lost, but that he eased up. There must be no more easing up if Chambers is to make the impression as a senior that he has as a junior.

'All too often, promising young athletes fail to leap the chasm'

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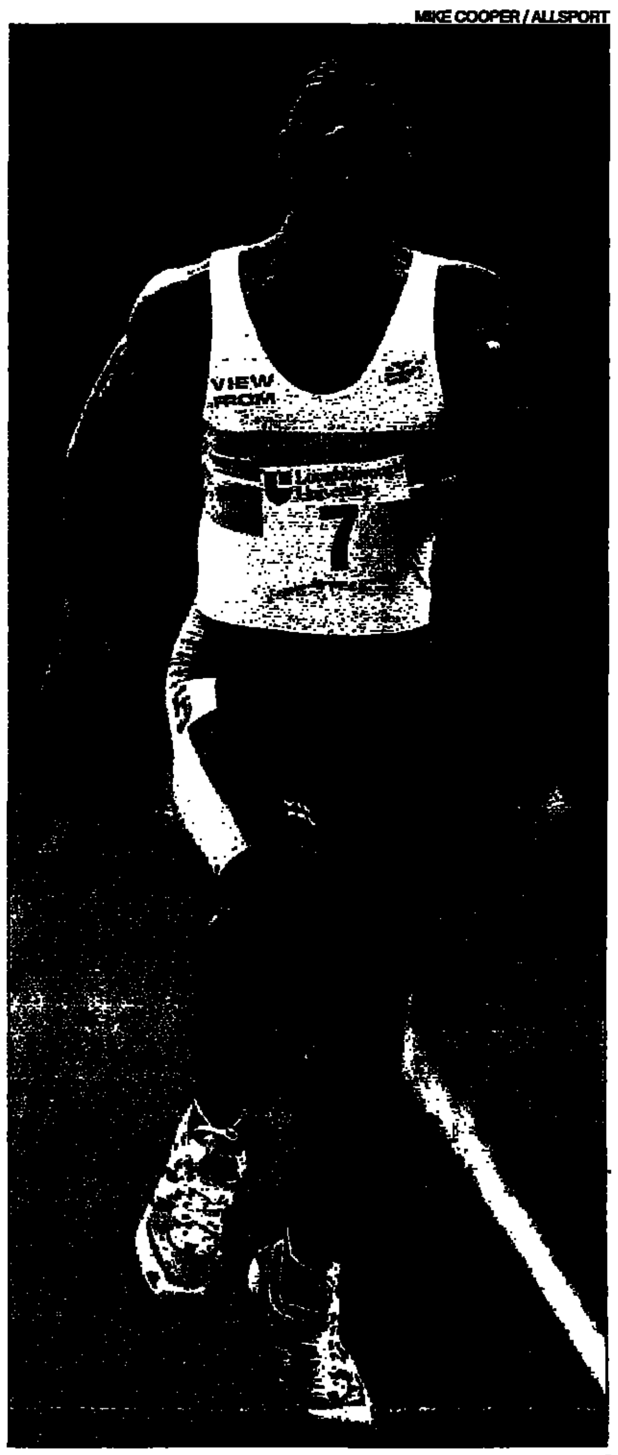

Chambers will mix with the world's finest in Athens

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 37

MOHOOHOO
(a) The white rhinoceros, *Ceratotherium simus*, found in central Africa and Zululand. The Sechuana word for the magnificent beast.
NOIX
(a) Literally a nut, but in cookery that part of the fillet of veal to which the fat or udder is attached. The French for a nut. "The noix de veau is the topside (rump), the fleshy upper part of the leg, cut lengthwise."
LEVADA
(b) In Madeira, a canal for irrigation. The Portuguese word. "Levadas are narrow canals cut out of the solid rock of volcanic basalt of which the island consists: watercourses of masonry, which intersect Madeira like a network, for the purposes of irrigation."
HAPTINE
(c) In P. Ehrlich's theory of immunisation, a receptor detached from the parent-cell, circulating freely in the bloodstream, and acting as a protection against infection by combining with the foreign substance which would produce it. From the Greek *háptein* to fasten.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

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EQUESTRIANISM

King in pursuit of triple triumph

MARY KING, who last year became the first rider to fill the leading two places in the British Horse Trials Championships, has a chance to go one better at the event when she competes with three on-form horses (Jenny MacArthur writes). The championships, sponsored by Doubleprint and organised by Captain Mark Phillips, begin today at Gatcombe Park.

In contrast to last year, when there was a depleted field because of the proximity to the Olympic Games, there is a bumper entry, with 245 *contenders divided among the* four classes — two advanced sections, the British intermediate championships and the British Open.

Blyth Tait, of New Zealand, with his Olympic champion, Ready Teddy, heads the foreign entry, which also includes two former winners of the Open: Mark Todd, a dual Olympic champion, with Stunning and Word for Word, and David O'Connor, of the United States, the winner of Badminton this year, who rides Lightfoot.

However, King, seeking a fourth win, is the rider they all *have to beat. She rides King* William and King Solomon — who were first and second last year — and Star Appeal, her Badminton runner-up and a leading contender for the team for the European championships next month.

King Solomon and King William won at Saumur and Chantilly this year. All three horses underlined their form with double clear rounds at Cornbury last week. King, 36, has an added incentive. Her win in June at Chantilly — Gatcombe's twin event in France — will bring her a £2,000 bonus should she succeed at Gatcombe.

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TELEVISION CHOICE

Music for anniversaries

BBC Proms 97
BBC2, 6.55pm

The second Prom to be televised live from the Albert Hall features the composers whose anniversaries have made their works more than usually popular this year. Brahms died 100 years ago, while Schubert was born in 1797. The concert represents both through choral works, Brahms with the energetic *Song of the Fates* and Schubert with the more placid Mass in A Flat Major. Sandwiched between them is a performance of the Chopin Piano Concerto No 2 by the French pianist, Jean-Yves Thibaudet. The BBC Symphony Orchestra and Chorus is conducted by the orchestra's principal guest conductor, Jiri Belohlavek. An interval feature charts the last six years of Schubert's life, from the composition of the Mass to his dreadfully early death at the age of 31.

Rab C. Nesbitt
BBC2, 9.30pm

Glasgow used to have shipyards which provided work but there are no proper jobs left. The middle-aged face the humiliation of dressing up to promote a burger chain and the young turn to crime. Such is the theme of tonight's episode as the adventures of Gregor Fisher's Rab move into a sixth series. He is the one in the burger suit, while his son and nephew go out and steal. There is many an uncomfortable truth expressed in comedy and Rab is at the heart of a credible world. Too much should not be made of this. Ian Pattison's scripts are first and foremost designed to amuse and Rab's philosophising (assuming we Sassenachs can understand him) is hardly in the Bertrand Russell class. But behind the gags and the surreal exchanges ("scuba diving? did you catch any scubas?") there is a social edge.

Room 101
BBC2, 10.00pm

Getting celebrities to consign their pet hates to an imaginary dustbin may seem a limited concept, though it has already stretched to two series and now comes the third. But the formula is cannier than it looks. There is much fun to be had from killing sacred cows, a blood sport that deserves to survive. Take *Last of the Summer Wine*. Until now it has been hard to find a bad word uttered against this much-loved sitcom. Enter Jeremy Clarkson, whose wit can be a sharp as his driving, to denounce the show as a sleep-inducing bore whose elderly *characters should be put in a home*. The host, Nick Hancock, is quick to agree, even if, as usual, his supposedly spontaneous quips have the air of being carefully rehearsed. The Clarkson bile is also directed at caravan holidays, golfers and vegetarianism, all of which are demolished in trenchant style.

Rab advertises fast food (BBC2, 9.30pm)

King of the Hill
Channel 4, 10.30pm

If the latest American cartoon family to reach our screens has some affinity with the awful Simpsons, this may be because Greg Daniels, who helped to create it, once wrote for *The Simpsons*. If there are echoes of *Beavis and Butt-Head*, not least the voice of Mike Judge, this is because Judge was behind both shows. The "King" of the Hill family is dad Hank, who sells propane in a Texas town. He has a plain wife, a truculent 12-year-old son called Bobby and three beer-drinking chums with whom he escapes the tensions of family life. If not exactly dysfunctional, the Hills have very short fuses and father-son flare-ups are frequent. These spark tonight's plot in which a callow social worker tries to take Bobby into care. Deadpan humour, and swipes at political correctness, set the tone for a funny and refreshing show. **Peter Waymark**

RADIO CHOICE

Mining the Archive
Radio 3, 4.00pm

I don't know whether Radio 3 planners thought that, by devoting today's *Mining the Archive* to Gilbert and Sullivan they were offering an *hors d'oeuvre* to stimulate our tastebuds for tomorrow night's Prom relay of *The Gondoliers*. That, anyway is the effect *Mining the Archive* will have on my gastric juices —and yours, too, I suspect. All the items today are gems from the BBC's Aladdin's Cave of recorded treasures. They include excerpts from *Princess Ida*, an operetta that has been shamefully neglected. Valerie Masterson, always heard at her best in Gilbert and Sullivan, sings the title role. We also hear some unusual orchestral arrangements of other Savoy Opera successes by Malcolm Sargent and Hely Hutchinson.

The Tailor of Panama
Radio 2, 9.15pm

The recent booming sales of talking books tend to reinforce what the acclaimed thriller-writer John le Carré says in the current issue of *Radio Times*: "I am very aware that a lot of people don't read and prefer the spoken word to the written." Tonight, he give us the chance to decide for ourselves whether his latest book, *The Tailor from Panama*, makes even better reading when the author himself is the reader. It all hinges, of course, on whether the reader can do justice to the writer. Will we listen to *The Tailor of Panama* simply because John le Carré's is the voice we hear? This first instalment suggests that he is a competent reader, no more than that. On this evidence vocal characterisation is not his *forte*. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1

7.00am Mark Radcliffe **9.00** Mark Goodier **11.30** Radio 1 Roadshow. Live from Great Yarmouth **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jo Whiley **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Kevin Greening **6.15** Newsbeat **6.30** Pete Tong's Essential Selection **10.00** One in the Jungle **12.00am** Radio 1 Rap Show with Tim Westwood **3.00am** Charlie Jordan

RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake' Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Angela Rippon **1.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Gotta Sing Gotta Dance **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **9.15** The Tailor of Panama. See Choice (1/10) **9.30** Listen to the Band **10.00** Sheridan Morley

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme **9.00** The Magazine **12.00** Midday with Mair **2.00** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** Nationwide **7.00** News Extra **7.20** Friday Sport with John Murray. Including coverage of the world club championship rugby league game from the Stoop between London Broncos and Canterbury **10.00** Paper Talk **11.00** News Extra with David McNeil **12.00** After Hours **2.00am** Up All Night with Richard Dallyn

TALK RADIO

5.00am Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr **7.00** Paul Ross **9.00** Scott Chisholm **12.00** Lorraine Kelly **2.00pm** Tommy Boyd **4.00** Drivetime, with Peter Deeley **7.00** Moz Dee's Sportszone **10.00** Mike Allen **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. News on the hour. **6.00am** Newsday **6.30** Europe Today **7.15** World Today **7.30** Voting for Britain **8.15** Off the Shelf **8.30** Music Review **9.10** Pause for Thought **9.15** Performance **9.30** John Peel **10.05** Business **10.15** Learning World **10.30** BBC English **10.45** Sport **11.30** Assignment **12.30pm** Focus on Faith **1.05** Business **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Body of Knowledge **1.45** Sport **2.00** Newshour **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack **4.05** Football **4.15** Code Breakers **4.30** News in German **5.00** Europe Today **5.30** Business **5.45** Britain Today **6.15** World Today **6.30** News in German **6.40** Spotlight **6.45** Sport **7.30** Focus on Faith **8.05** Proms 97 **9.00** Newshour **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** People and Politics **11.30** World Today **11.45** Sport **12.05am** Outlook **12.30** Multitrack **1.30** From the Weeklies **1.45** Britain Today **2.30** Code Breakers **2.45** The Insider's Guide **2.55** Spotlight **3.30** People and Politics **4.05** Business **4.15** Sport **4.30** Weekend **4.45** Off the Shelf **5.00** Outlook **5.45** Music Brief

CLASSIC FM

3.00am Sally Peterson **6.00** Alan Mann **9.00** Henry Kelly **1.00pm** Listeners' Requests **2.00** Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **7.00** Newsnight **7.30** Sonata. Vivaldi (Trio Sonata in G minor, Lund) **8.00** Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 4); Beethoven (Piano Trio No 7 in B flat, The Archduke, Op 97), Schubert (Psalm 23) **10.00** Michael Mappin **2.00** Concerto (r)

VIRGIN RADIO

7.00am Russ 'n' Jono's Breakfast Experience **10.00** Graham Dene **1.00pm** Jeremy Clark **4.00** Nicky Horne **7.00** Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) **10.00** Alan Freeman **12.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Howard Pearce

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes Brahms (Three Intermezzos, Op 117); Handel (Dixit Dominus, HWV232); Holst (A Moorside Suite); Mozart (Violin Sonata in F, K377); Schubert (Die Forelle); Copland (Rodeo: Four Dance Episodes)
9.00 Morning Collection, with Penny Gore. Includes Debussy (Prelude a l'Apres-Midi d'un Faune); Bach (Cello Suite No 1 in G, BWV1007); Nielsen (Suite: Aladdin)
10.00 Musical Encounters, with Chris de Souza. Includes Runswick (Mein Kleiner Gruner Kaktus); Haydn (Symphony No 68 in E flat); Takemitsu (Handmade Proverbs); Schubert (Symphony No 3 in D); Bridge (Phantasie Trio in D minor); Duparc (Lenore); Hindemith (Piano Sonata No 3); Sessions (Concerto for Orchestra)
12.00 Proms Composer of the Week: Honegger
1.00pm News; St David's Hall Lunchtime Recital. Nicola Heywood Thomas presents the third of six recitals from Cardiff, given last March. Gemini, under Ian Mitchell. Crusell (Clarinet Quartet in C minor, Op 4); Hilary Tann (From the Song of the Amergin for flute, viola and harp); Rebecca Clarke (Prelude, Allegro and Pastorale for clarinet and viola); Ravel (Introduction and Allegro for harp, flute, clarinet and string quartet)
2.00 BBC Proms 97. Waltraud Meier, mezzo, Anthony Rolfe Johnson, tenor, the BBC National Orchestra of Wales, under Mark Wigglesworth. Beethoven (Symphony No 6 in F, *Pastoral*); *Mahler (Das Lied* von der Erde) (r)
4.00 Mining the Archive. See Choice
5.00 Music Machine, with Tommy Pearson. Includes a look at why composers feel they have to make up words to fit their songs (r)
5.15 In Tune. Presented by Jeremy Nicholas. Includes Dupré (Prelude and Fugue in G minor, Op 7 No 3); Elgar (Introduction and Allegro); Alkan (Etude, Op 39 No 8)
6.55 BBC Proms 97. Jean-Yves Thibaudet; piano, Rosa Mannion, soprano, Stella Doufexis, mezzo, Toby Spence, tenor, Nathan Berg, bass, BBC Symphony Chorus and Orchestra, under Jiri Belohlavek. Brahms (Gesang der Parzen); Chopin (Piano Concerto No 2 in F minor) **7.50** Schubert: between Two Masses. Biographer Elizabeth Norman McKay and Dr Anthony Storr trace the last six years of Schubert's life **8.10** Concert, part two. Schubert (Mass in A flat, D678)
9.15 Flavours of Eden. Joan Morgan concludes her look at four fruits by exploring the history of dates. With readings by Julie Higginson and Stephen Lyons (4/4) (r)
9.35 The Lindsays Play Schubert. String Quartet in E flat, D87 (r)
10.00 Hear and Now. The American composer Roger Reynolds, one of whose ambitious commissions will be performed at the Proms on Monday, talks about the influences on his work. Includes *Fiery Wind* performed by the BBC Symphony Orchestra under Lukas Foss; *Eclipse* and *Odyssey* performed by Ensemble Intercontemporain, conducted by David Robertson; *Ariadne's Thread for Quartet and Electronics* performed by the Arditti Quartet
11.30 Proms Composers of the Week: John Adams
12.30am Hard Bop, Soft Focus. Alyn Shipton looks at the history of the Blue Note record label and begins with the sound of trumpeter Lee Morgan's hit *The Sidewinder* (r)
1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament
9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs. Sue Lawley's castaway is the American actor and comedian Gene Wilder (r)
9.45 Roxburgh's Russia. In the second of a four-part series, the BBC's Moscow correspondent, Angus Roxburgh, takes a look at crime, corruption and the Mafia in post-Communist Russia
10.00 News; Here Comes the Boss. In the series that looks at what makes a good employer, Patrick Wright reports on a bearings manufacturer where they introduced radical experiments to bridge the gap between boss and workers
10.00 An Act of Worship (LW)
10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour (FM), with Gail Foley
11.30 The Natural History Programme. Presented by Joanna Pinnock
12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer news and current affairs with Mark Whittaker
12.25pm Food Programme. Presented by Derek Cooper **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Summer Serial: All Things Betray Thee, by Gwyn Thomas, dramatised in three episodes by Alan Plater. With Ian Hughes and Patrick Brennan (r)
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift, with Laurie Taylor and his guests
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Tim Marlow attends the Tate's Mondrian exhibition and looks at paintings by Henry Raeburn at the Scottish National Gallery
4.45 Short Story: Journeys, by Shashi Deshpande. Read by Shelley King
5.00 PM, with Charlie Lee-Potter and Chris Lowe **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Going Places. David Stafford presents more ideas about what to do this weekend. Includes a *report from Polperro in Cornwall by June Whitfield*
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week. Selected by Chris Serle
8.05 Any Questions? The topical debate in Weston-Super-Mare is chaired by Jonathan Dimbleby. Panelists include Dr Rosalind Miles and *Times* columnist Lord Rees-Mogg
8.50 Law in Action, with Marcel Berlins. Anthony Dworkin asks if rape is a unique crime, justifying special treatment by our courts
9.15 Letter from America. Another slice of life Stateside served up by Alistair Cooke
9.30 Kaleidoscope Feature: Yemen Patricia Aithie examines Yemeni culture
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Love on a Branch Line, by John Hadfield (5/10) (r)
11.00 Goodness Gracious Me. Last in the series of the all-Asian comedy show. With Kulvinder Ghir, Sanjeev Bhaskar, Nitin Sawhney, Nina Wadia and Meera Syal
11.25 Tea Junction. Patrick Hannan and guests take a sceptical look at the week's events
12.00 News 12.30 The Late Book: The Changing Forest, by Dennis Potter. For some people, change brings insecurity, for others, opportunity. For the inhabitants of the Forest of Dean in 1961, it also brought tension (5/5)
12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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Rescue scenarios and the swimsuit question

REVIEW

Matthew Bond

Time was clearly running out. Up to his neck in local opposition and exhausted by the effort of trying to stay democratically afloat, the victim now faced a new threat — an unstoppable tide of dark oppression that would sweep away everything before it. Time, I thought, for the reassuring plink-plink of the *999* theme and some sensible advice from Michael Buerk: "If you ever find yourself governor of Hong Kong, try not to panic ..."

Alas not. When help did finally arrive it was in the shape of the Prince of Wales, the Royal Yacht *Britannia* and Jonathan Dimbleby. The first two were there to make sure that Chris Patten made it physically out of Hong Kong. Dimbleby was there to ensure that his reputation escaped with him. **The Last Governor** (BBC1) had reached the final chapter.

Dimbleby's principal tactic, it quickly became clear, was obfuscation. Of the "through train of democracy" that we have heard so much about in recent weeks, there was barely a mention. Nor was there an update of what had happened since the handover. Instead, we had some fairly baffling constitutional stuff, a well-intentioned chat about human rights and an entertaining if shameful row about passports.

The latter not only allowed Patten to claim one of the few victories of his governorship but also to put one over on Michael Howard, who had popped in just to remind us why the Conservatives lost the election and for Patten to all-but label him a racist. As Howard, in his capacity as former Home Secretary, wriggled, our man in Hong Kong gloated: "I'm delighted that he's changed his mind — shows what a broad-minded chap he is."

Eventually, however, it was all over. Patten's bottom lip trembled, he signed a few last bits of legislation and that was it: dun-governin'. The lovely Lavender helped him pack and his three pretty daughters pitched up to steal the next day's front pages. The band played on ... but then they always do on such occasions.

A little earlier, a slightly remodelled but still recognisable version of the plink-plink theme tune, meant it really was time for *999*, or rather its summer stable-mate, **999 International** (BBC1). This turned out to be an excuse for Michael Buerk to fly around the world and film expensive-looking links and for Juliet Morris to try out a new swimming cossie.

Now, it's only a few years since the cossie question was the toughest obstacle a female newsreader faced as she sought to diversify her career. Did you do cossie shots — or not? Angela Rippon high-kicked but did not do cossies. The Mses Ford and Scott did neither — I'd definitely have remembered. But then came Jill Dando, who after a couple of seasons of doing imaginative things with a sarong, clearly arrived at the decision that careers are too short — especially when there are unprincipled, thigh-flashing weather girls around. These days the waters of the Mediterranean, Caribbean and Indian Ocean are forever lapping around a shapely Dando thigh as she delivers a piece to camera.

Where Dando leads, Morris is never far behind, which is why she seems to have spent most of the summer in a swimsuit, was last night skimming across the Gulf of Honduras in a blue halter-neck and will no doubt return to present a new series of *The House Detectives* in something small, yellow and polka-dot.

In Belize she looked pretty but rather hot. But nothing like as hot as the actor playing the marine biologist who had just swum for six hours across shark-infested waters after his speedboat sank. His sunburn was going to need an awful lot of calamine lotion.

Perhaps it was the distances involved, but the emergencies didn't quite have the impact of the home-grown variety. Then there was the different attitude of those who had been rescued. Rather than showing the grovelling gratitude to the emergency services that we are accustomed to, most of last night's survivors placed their faith in a higher authority. The Belize water-taxi owner promptly changed his salvaged boat's name from *Can't Touch This* to *By the Grace of God*, while the Swiss paraglider rattled on about the "inner voice" that kept her calm as she dangled from a tower crane.

Earlier, **Pilgrims Rest** (BBC1) made a modestly encouraging start, which is about as good as it gets for new sitcoms. Helped by a new hair-do (let's not get into its origins, I couldn't bear all the letters) Gary Olsen moved confidently on from *2Point4 Children* to star as Bob, who bought a successful transport café six years ago, only to see it blighted by the building of a bypass. Gwen Taylor was on more familiar ground as Tilly, the sister who loaned him half the money to buy the place and now wants it back because she's been left by her husband. With the finesse that Tilly's husband left her for a man and that Bob, of course, hasn't any money, that is the situation.

As for the comedy, it was fine without being mould-breaking and nothing like as funny as a hyped-up studio audience seemed to find it. Are lines such as "in France we eat our snails, we do not give them driving licences" really worth a round of applause? However, there were moments worth a chuckle and the supporting cast, while plucked straight from the back catalogue of comic stereotype (pretty waitress, lugubrious policeman, dim youth, etc) seemed promising. For a moment, I thought Didier, the French lorry-driver, represented a genuine spark of originality ... but then I remembered *'Allo, 'Allo* and the moment passed.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (55159)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (62866)
9.00 Breakfast News Extra (T) (5686604)
9.20 Ready, Steady, Cook (5667994)
9.50 Esther (r) (T) (6553681)
10.20 The Roadshow Collection (T) (5520352)
10.45 Caron Cooper's Cooking with Confidence Strawberry jam and summer pudding (2592246)
11.00 News (T) (2363197)
11.05 Due South (r) (T) (4636848)
11.50 Good Neighbours (6115371)
12.00 News (T) regional news and weather (4938197)
12.05pm Wipeout (r) (T) (8180401)
12.35 Neighbours (T) (1412371)
1.00 News (T) and weather (42343)
1.30 Regional News (89895888)
1.40 Columbo: Swan Song An evil evangelist with a penchant for murder. With Peter Falk, Johnny Cash and Ida Lupino (r) (T) (4451352)
3.10 Quincy Three mysterious deaths are traced to a football stadium, where a major championship is due to take place in a matter of days (r) (1306420)
4.00 Popeye (2481975) **4.10** To Me, to You (7236587) **4.35** It'll Never Work. Automated highways and a space enthusiast determined to be the first amateur to put his own rocket into orbit (9896456) **5.00** Newsround (T) (2090517) **5.10** Record Breakers (r) (T) (3934130)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (875371)
6.00 News (T) and weather (52)
6.30 Regional News (84)
7.00 Celebrity Ready, Steady, Cook *Coronation Street*'s Ian Mercer and Gaynor Faye (Gary and Judy Mallett) provide the mystery ingredients for Ainsley Harriott and Paul Rankin to transform into sumptuous meals in a mere 20 minutes (T) (8994)
7.30 Top of the Pops (T) (88)
8.00 Only Fools and Horses Del seizes a rare opportunity to make a quick profit (r) (T) (702739)
8.50 Get Fit with Brittas Bumbling Brittas meets Nicholas Parsons (T) (539468)
9.00 News (T) and weather (2791)
9.30 Tom Clancy's Op Center with Harry Hamlin and Rod Steiger. First of a two-part Cold War drama. The head of a doomed military centre sets out to prove its worth by embarking on a near-impossible mission to find three nuclear weapons stolen by a Russian agent (T) (125536)
11.25 Without a Clue (1989) Farcical Sherlock Holmes comedy, starring Michael Caine, Ben Kingsley, Lysette Anthony and Peter Cook. Directed by Thom Eberhardt (679420)
1.10am The Haunted House of Horror (1969) with Frankie Avalon. A group of teenagers agree to spend the night in a supposedly haunted house — but the prank goes wrong when one of them meets an untimely end. Directed by Michael Armstrong (1364227)
2.40 Weather (7015444)

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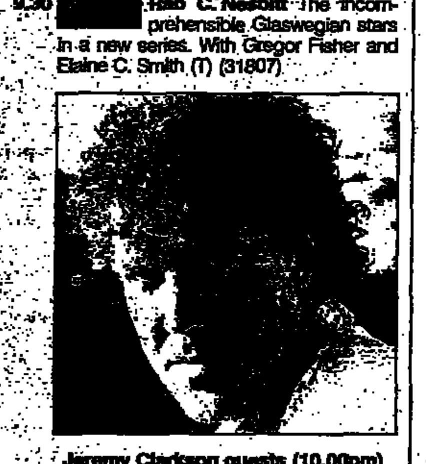
BBC2

6.00am Open University: Bajourou (1994951) **6.25** Regions Apart (1748517)
7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (T and signing) (9408791)
7.30 Teletubbies (4809913) **7.55** Postman Pat (1097401) **8.10** Raccoons (1903178) **8.35** Cartoon Critters (5060284) **9.05** Spiderman (7407710) **9.35** Spirit Rider (6541246) **10.05** Peter Pan and the Pirates (5518517) **10.25** Mr Benn (4892710) **10.45** Teletubbies (736352)
11.15 Harry and the Hendersons (4977536)
11.40 Moon Over Miami (T) (7591062)
12.30pm Working Lunch (44371) **1.00** A to Z of Food (r) (66336130) **1.10** Beechgrove Garden (10096265) **1.40** Menus and Music (88396994)
1.55 Glorious Goodwood Julian Wilson and Clare Balding introduce live coverage of the fourth day, featuring the **2.15, 2.45, 3.20** and **3.50** races (73088246)
4.00 News (T) and weather (2498265)
4.05 Going for a Song (r) (7434081)
4.30 Cimarron (1960) with Glenn Ford and Maria Schell. Anthony Mann's epic account of a family of homesteaders carving out a life on Oklahoma's wild frontier (71198130)
6.55 BBC Proms 97 live from the Albert Hall, marking the anniversaries of both Brahms and Schubert, featuring choral works by Johannes Brahms, Schubert, and French pianist Jean-Yves Thibaudet's performance of Chopin's virtuoso second piano concerto. Simultaneous broadcast with Radio 3 (66771420)
NB: Subsequent programmes are subject to late running and change
9.00 Bottom Richie and Eddie face a lengthy spell behind bars for tapping into their neighbour's gas supply (r) (T) (7343)
9.30 Rab C. Nesbitt The incomprehensible Glaswegian stars in a new series. With Gregor Fisher and Elaine C. Smith (T) (31807)

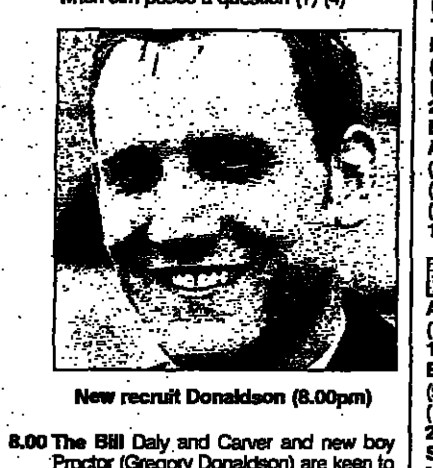


Jeremy Clarkson guests (10.00pm)

10.00 Room 101 In the first of a new series, Jeremy Clarkson talks to Nick Hancock about his pet hates which include vegetarians, caravans and the vintage comedy *Last of the Summer Wine* (T) (85130)
10.28 Video Nation Shorts (890401)
10.30 Newsnight (T) (113623)
11.15 The Incredible Shrinking Woman (1981) starring Lily Tomlin, Charles Grodin and Ned Beatty. *Comedy in which a housewife shrinks to an inch in height after constant exposure to household products.* Directed by Joel Schumacher (489826)
12.40am Kiss Me, Stupid (1964, b/w) Billy Wilder's adult farce about a singer stranded in a Nevada town. With Dean Martin, Ray Walston and Kim Novak **1.05** Weather (3889647)

HTV

6.00am GMTV (7047739)
9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (r) (T) (5651333)
9.55 Judge Judy (T) (3529159)
10.20 News (T) (6314807)
10.25 Regional News (T) (6313178)
10.30 Desperate Rescue A fact-based drama starring Mariel Hemingway (51373081)
Regional News (T) (4927081)
12.30 News (T) and weather (1415468)
12.55 Designed by Emanuel (1490159)
1.25 Home and Away (T) (14421420)
1.50 Hart to Hart: Crimes of the Hart (1994) Robert Wagner and Stefanie Powers as the husband and wife sleuths. Directed by Peter Hunt (1027420)
3.19 HTV Crimestoppers (2817642)
3.20 News (T) (2814555)
3.25 Regional News (T) (2813826)
3.30 Rosie and Jim (r) (6720499) **3.40** Paddington Bear (6919159) **3.50** Zzzap! (6931371) **4.00** Justin and the Demon Drop Kick (2870401) **4.15** The Real Ghostbusters (4828776) **4.40** Get Wet (2812352)
5.10 A Country Practice (2946352)
5.40 News (T) and weather (556979)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (869246)
6.25 HTV Weather (778555)
6.30 The West Tonight (T) (72)
7.00 Beadle's Hotshots includes a guest appearance by *Dad's Army* actor Clive Dunn (T) (3062)
7.30 Coronation Street Fiona is shocked when Jim poses a question (T) (4)



New recruit Donaldson (8.00pm)

8.00 The Bill Daly and Carver and new boy Proctor (Gregory Donaldson) are keen to interview the attractive sales assistant in a burgled antiques shop (T) (2710)
8.30 Surprise! Surprise! David Essex serenades a fan (T) (41401)
9.30 Tarrant on TV (r) (T) (28333)
10.00 News (T) and weather (12284)
10.30 The West Tonight Update (823791)
10.40 Late and Live New series of the interactive chat show. Tonight's guests are Neil and Christine Hamilton. Music is provided by K Pasa (6846826)
12.10am Weekly World News (8602376)
12.40 The Paul Ross Show A new entertainment series (2985260)
2.10 Summer Dreams: The Story of the Beach Boys (1990) with Bruce Greenwood, Greg Kean and Arlen Dean Snyder. Biopic about the successful close-harmony California singing group. Directed by Michael Switzer (111821)
4.00 Coach (r) (23377444)
4.25 Sound Bites (22947192)
4.35 Invitation to Remember (70768821)
5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (31550)
5.30 News (93173)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:
10.30am Surprise Chefs (97975)
11.00 Side Effects (1267425)
11.50 Dogs with Dunbar (9262352)
12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (1490159)
1.50 Murder, She Wrote (9482246)
2.50-3.20 Right or Wrong? (6327371)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (2946352)
6.25-7.00 Central News (150371)
10.40 Film: She Woke Up (92155604)
2.10am The LADS (4311685)
3.00 Baywatch (4025753)
3.45 Helter Skelter (8487444)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:
10.30am Healthy by Nature (97975)
11.00 Side Effects (1267420)
11.50 Dogs with Dunbar (9262352)
12.55pm Home and Away (1490159)
1.25 Frances Bissell's Westcountry Kitchen (10069975)
1.55 Westcountry Update (98207975)
2.25-3.20 Blue Heelers (4730130)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (2946352)
6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (23888)
10.30 Westcountry News (847371)
10.45 Film: Caddyshack II (18944449)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except: 10.30am Cartoon Time (7009468) **10.35 David the Gnome** (3006178) **11.05 Cartoon Time** (6412642) **11.20 Bravestarr** (6722081) **11.50 Dinosaurs** (9282352) **12.55pm-1.25 Shortland Street** (1490159) **1.50 Surprise Chefs** (98208604) **2.20 Put It to the Test** (18679623) **2.50-3.20 Doing It Up** (6327371) **5.10-5.40 Home and Away** (2946352) **6.00-7.00 Meridian Tonight** (23888) **10.30 Meridian News and Weather** (847371) **10.45 The Magic and Mystery Show** (541371) **11.15 Weekly World News** (548284) **11.45 Wiseguy** (804623)

ANGLIA

As HTV West except: 10.30am Cartoon Time (7009468) **10.35 David the Gnome** (3006178) **11.05 Cartoon Time** (6412642) **11.20 Bravestarr** (6722081) **11.50 Dinosaurs** (9282352) **12.55-1.25 A Country Practice** (1490159) **1.55 Murder, She Wrote** (9496265) **2.50-3.20 Countrywide** (6327371) **5.10-5.40 Shortland Street** (2946352) **6.25-7.00 Anglia News** (150371) **10.30 Anglia News Extra** (98604) **11.00 The Warehouse** (661401)

S4C

Starts: 6.00am Sesame Street (71197) **7.00 The Bigger Breakfast** (92701536) **9.05 Saved by the Bell: The New Class** (7409178) **9.35 The Secret World of Alex Mack** (6557807) **10.05 Sister, Sister** (7582130) **10.35 The Crystal Maze** (3415826) **11.35 The Bigger Breakfast** (9284710) **12.05pm California Dreams** (7666555) **12.30 Ricki Lake** (46739) **1.00 Slot Meithrin** (66352178) **1.15 Slot Syniadau Sali** (66340333) **1.30 Film: Home in Indiana** (39772) **3.30 Here's One I Made Earlier** (78) **4.00 Bewitched** (3) **4.30 Tool Stories** (7) **5.00 5 Pump** (1468) **5.30 Countdown** (49) **6.00 Newyddion** (483975) **6.05 Heno** (870352) **6.35 Jac yn y Bocs** (752517) **7.00 Pobol y Cwm** (980623) **7.25 Hwyl Y Noson Lawen** (9147265) **8.30 Newyddion** (6159) **9.00 Jewels of the Desert** (5371) **10.00 Brookside** (436826) **10.35 Friends** (435587) **11.05 King of the Hill** (283159) **11.35 Film: The Cook, the Thief, His Wife and Her Lover** (84351468) **1.55am Robin** (3976622) **2.00 Film: Never Let Go** (654111) **3.40 Film: I Am the Law** (2376550)

CHANNEL 4

6.00am Sesame Street (r) (71197)
7.00 The Bigger Breakfast Incorporating **9.05** Saved By the Bell: The New Class (r) (T) **9.35** The Secret World of Alex Mack **10.05** Sister, Sister (r) (T) **10.35** The Crystal Maze **11.35** The Bigger Breakfast (3537975)
12.00 California Dreams (T) (19197) **12.30pm** My So-Called Life (r) (T) (9036642) **1.25** The Living Sea. The wildlife that can be found in the arctic waters of northern Canada (r) (14429062) **1.50** Whalesong (61933333)
1.55 Remember the Day (1941, b/w) Claudette Colbert recalls her life as a schoolmistress. Directed by Henry King (T) (31596028)
3.30 Here's One I Made Earlier Spicy moussaka with tuna, chicken with raisins and almonds, chocolate tart and pistachio ice cream (T) (78)
4.00 Bewitched (r) (T) (3) **4.30** Countdown (T) (2941325) **4.55** Ricki Lake (r) (T) (6171888) **5.30** Pet Rescue (r) (T) (49) **6.00** The Avengers (r) (T) (344623) **6.55** Fresh Pop (721807)
7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (647642)
7.55 Opera Makers (672352)
8.00 Gardens Without Borders The first of three programmes of highlights from the last series featuring Spain and Portugal (r) (T) (4492)
8.30 Brookside Cassie is stunned by Elaine's revelation. Has surgery restored Jacqui's sight? (T) (6159)
9.00 Friends: The One with Frank Jr Phoebe's attempts to show her half-brother city life make him think she works in a brothel. Isabella Rossellini makes a guest appearance (T) (5401)
9.35 Cybill Zoe claims her grandmother is favouring Rachel (T) (26975)
10.00 Frasier Niles and Frasier spot a famous reclusive author (T) (10826)

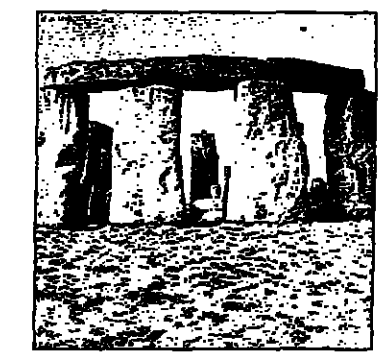
The Hill family (10.30pm)

10.30 King of the Hill A new animated sitcom from the makers of *Beavis and Butt-Head* (T) (96246)
11.05 The Cook, the Thief, His Wife and Her Lover (1989) Helen Mirren and Michael Gambon in Peter Greenaway's black comedy drama (T) (62444913)
1.25am Robin Animation (3894579)
1.30 Never Let Go (1960, b/w) A crime thriller starring Peter Sellers in his first straight role. Directed by John Guillermin (872005)
3.10 I Am the Law (1938, b/w) starring Edward G. Robinson. A melodrama about a law professor trying to rid a city of racketeers. Directed by Alexander Hall (2483482)
4.40 Takeover TV (4/8) (r) (1892686)
5.25 Rocko's Modern Life (r) (1381937)
5.40 Terrytoons (6632260)

CHANNEL 5

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE
Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. **Viewers with a Videocrypt decoder will be able to receive the channel free of charge. Frequencies for transponder No 63 are picture: 10.92075 GHz; sound: 7.02 and 7.20 MHz**

6.00am 5 News Early (7033888)
7.30 Havakazoo (6759178) **8.00** The Enid Blyton Adventure Series (2182449)
8.30 WideWorld Examining 1930s architecture (2174420)
9.00 Espresso (6707882) **10.00** Exclusive (r) (9226265) **10.30** The Car Show (r) (2194284)
11.00 Leeza (2321265) **11.50** Double Espresso (33941994) **12.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (r) (2185536) **12.30pm** Family Affairs (r) (T) (7462389)
1.00 5 News Update (T) (22831555) **1.05** Sunset Beach (T) (1032791) **2.00** 5's Company (3456246)
3.30 Medicine River (1993) with Graham Greene, Janet-Laine Green and Sheila Tousey. Romantic comedy about a native American who returns to his home town and realises he misses it. Directed by Stuart Margolin (9636497)
5.20 5's Company: Late Extra (60693975)
5.30 100 Per Cent (5411555)
6.00 Move on Up (T) (5418468)
6.30 Family Affairs Liam begins to miss his mum (T) (5492420)
7.00 Exclusive Entertainment news (9509915)
7.30 Wings over Britain: Wealth of Wildfowl An East Anglian bird sanctuary (T) (5498604)



Mysterious Stonehenge (8.00pm)

8.00 Attractions featuring Blenheim Palace; horse trekking with a difference in Gloucestershire and the ancient sites of Stonehenge and Avebury (3204523)
8.30 5 News (T) (8054820)
9.00 Spoils of War (1993) with Kate Nelligan, John Heard and Toby Maguire. Romantic drama about a divorced couple who try to rekindle lost love. Directed by David Greene (10484307)
10.50 Not the Jack Docherty Show With Phill Jupitus (5668536)
11.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H (2337888)
12.30am Assassin (1986) Sci-fi adventure with Robert Conrad. Directed by Sandor Stern (5003208)
2.20 Off the Minnesota Strip (1980) Drama with Hal Holbrook, Michael Learned and Mare Winningham. Directed by Lamont Johnson (5137598)
4.00 Miss Sadie Thompson (1953) Drama with Rita Hayworth, Jose Ferrer and Aldo Ray. Directed by Curtis Bernhardt (5780395)
5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (6788753)

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY 1

6.00am Morning Glory (834265) **9.00** Regis and Kathie Lee (18130) **10.00** Another World (63371) **11.00** Days of Our Lives (50807) **12.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (70710) **1.00pm** Geraldo (56130) **2.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (18333) **3.00** Jenny Jones (89994) **4.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (68401) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (5449) **6.00** Real TV (8884) **6.30** Married — with Children (4284) **7.00** The Simpsons (6179) **7.30** M*A*S*H (8028) **8.00** The Big Easy (28371) **9.00** Walker, Texas Ranger (15807) **10.00** High Incident (18884) **11.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (31772) **12.00** Late Show with David Letterman (86024) **1.00am** Hit Mix (86024)

SKY 2

7.00pm Superboy (86024) **7.30** Superboy (86024) **8.00** Kung Fu (86024) **9.00** Pacific Drive (86024) **11.00** In the Heat of the Night (86024) **12.00** Hit Mix (86024)

SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage, with bulletins on the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Prince for a Day (1995) (86024) **7.45 Hurry Sundown** (1967) (86024) **10.10 Rough Diamonds** (1994) (86024) **11.40 Heart of a Champion** (1985) (86024) **1.30pm Dad** (1989) (78284) **3.30 Prince for a Day** (1995) (47623) **5.30 Rough Diamonds** (1994) (42178) **7.00 Problem Child III** (1995) (80284) **9.00 Once You Meet a Stranger** (1996) (60284) **10.45 The Mangler** (1994) (60284) **12.30am Motorcycle Gang** (1994) (60284) **1.55 Crooklyn** (1994) (526289) **3.50 Even Cowgirls Get the Blues** (1994) (410550) **5.30 Heart of a Champion** (1985) (57395)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Ramona (1936) (47985) **8.00 This Is My Affair** (1937) (30595) **10.00 Alone in the Woods** (1995) (80333) **12.00 Mr North** (1988) (20178) **2.00pm Prince of Foxes** (1949) (55848) **4.00 Fluke** (1995) (1623) **6.00 The Almost Perfect Bank Robbery** (1996) (33449) **7.30 UK Top 10** (3178) **8.00 The American President** (1995) (22166) **10.00 Jade** (1995) (34197) **11.40 Denise Calls Up** (1995) ([illegible]) [illegible] **In the Shadow of Evil** (1994) (38365) **2.30 The Road to Wellville** (1994) ([illegible]) **4.30 Fluke** (1995) (54289)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm Sex and the Single Girl (1964) (54289) **8.00 All of Me** (1984) (54289) **10.00 The Krays** (1990) (54289) **12.05am The Beast** (1988) (54289) **2.00 10, Rillington Place** (1971) (54289) **3.50-5.15 And Now for Something Completely Different** (1972) (54289)

TNT

8.00pm WCW Nitro (54289) **9.00 2010** (1984) (54289) **11.15 Zabriskie Point** (1970) (54289) **1.15am Hysteria** (1965) (54289) **2.45-5.00 2010** (1984) (54289)

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sports Centre (26092) **7.30** WWF Wrestling: Superstars (86772) **8.30** Racing News (44438) **9.00** Sports Centre (86130) **9.30** Football: Big Shots (17081) **10.30** Golf: Scandinavian Masters — Live (40246) **12.30pm** Rugby League: World Super League Club Championship (36468) **2.00** Gaelic Games (67023) **3.00** Golf: Scandinavian Masters — Live (20159) **5.00** World Sport Special (1888) **5.30** Football: Futbol Mundial (9772) **6.00** Sports Centre (41197) **7.00** Rugby League: London v Canterbury — Live (338772) **9.30** Sports Centre (25352) **10.30** WWF Wrestling: Raw (80352) **12.30am** Golf: Scandinavian Masters (42734) **2.30** WWF Wrestling: Raw (85685) **4.30-5.30** Sports Centre (91734)

SKY SPORTS 2

8.00pm Darts: WDC World Championship — Live (77173) **12.00-1.00am** Sports Centre (77173)

SKY SPORTS 3

11.00am Cricket: Under 19s — England v Zimbabwe — Live (77173) **2.30pm** Cricket: Second Innings (77173) **3.00** Cricket: Under 19s — England v Zimbabwe — Live (77173) **5.30** Wild Spirits (77173) **6.00** The Winning Post: Newmarket and Ascot — Live (77173) **8.00** Motorsport: Spa Francorchamps 24 Hour (77173) **9.00** Golf: Sprint International — Live (77173) **11.30-12.00** Golf: Inside the Senior PGA Tour (77173)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Football: World Youth Championship (71604) **9.00** Modern Pentathlon: World Cup (74710) **10.00** Athletics: World Championships — the Road to Athens (87994) **12.00** International Motorsports Magazine (30081) **1.00pm** Mountain Biking: Cross-Country French Cup (86081) **1.30** Cliff Diving: World Championships (27517) **2.00** Tennis: Du Maurier Open — Live (27617) **5.00** Motorcycling: Rio Grand Prix Qualifying Session — Live (36265) **7.00** Athletics: World Championships — Live (99474) **8.30** Tennis: Du Maurier Open — Live (24536) **10.00** Motorcycling: Rio Grand Prix Preview (67284) **11.00** Boxing (75130) **12.00-12.30am** Motorsport: Formula 4x4 (94840)

UK GOLD

7.00am Tellystack (94840) **7.35** Neighbours (94840) **8.00** Crossroads (94840) **8.25** EastEnders (94840) **9.00** The Bill (94840) **9.30** The Return of Shelley (94840) **10.00** Tellystack (94840) **10.30** The Sullivans (94840) **11.00** Bergerac (94840) **12.05pm** Crossroads (94840) **12.30** Neighbours (94840) **1.00** EastEnders (94840) **1.35** The Two Ronnies (94840) **2.30** Executive Stress (94840) **3.00** Goldmaster (94840) **3.30** The Bill (94840) **4.00** Boon (94840) **5.00** Casualty (94840) **6.05** EastEnders (94840) **6.40** Brush Strokes (94840) **7.20** Dr Who: The Seeds of Doom (94840) **7.50** George and Mildred (94840) **8.20** Hi-De-Hi (94840) **9.00** The Bill (94840) **9.30** Taggart (94840) **11.35** FILM: Millennium (94840) **1.20am** Survivors (94840) **2.20** Shopping (94840)

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am The Box (94840) **7.00** Coronation St (94840) **7.30** Families (94840) **8.00** Surprise! Surprise! (94840) **9.00** Dempsey and Makepeace (94840) **10.00** Gentle Touch (94840) **11.00** Bust (94840) **12.00** Coronation St (94840) **12.30pm** Families (94840) **1.00** Two's Company (94840) **1.30** The Beautiful Home Show (94840) **2.00** Surprise! Surprise! (94840) **3.00** Gentle Touch (94840) **4.00** Dempsey and Makepeace (94840) **5.00** The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes (94840) **6.00** Families (94840) **6.30** Coronation St (94840) **7.00** Gentle Touch (94840) **8.00** Dempsey and Makepeace (94840) **9.00** Coronation St (94840) **9.30** Wheeltappers and Shunters Social Club (94840) **10.00-11.00** The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes (94840)

Steve Martin, Lilly Tomlin star in *All of Me* (Sky Movies Gold, 8.00pm)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

6.00am Dumbo's Circus (10536) **6.30** Faerie Tale Theatre (55517) **7.30** Little Mermaid (55517) **7.55** Timon and Pumbaa (55517) **8.10** Goof Troop (55517) **9.00** Tale Spin (55517) **9.25** Aladdin's Bazaar (55517) **10.15** Quack Pack (55517) **11.00** Boy Meets World (55517) **11.25** The Wonder Years (55517) **11.50** Timon and Pumbaa (55517) **12.05pm** Bonkers (55517) **12.30** Microscopic Milton (55517) **12.35** Big Garage (55517) **12.50** Sing Me a Story (55517) **1.15** Madison's Adventures Growing Up Wild (55517) **1.40** Adventures in Wonderland (55517) **2.05** Small Stones (55517) **2.10** Lamb Chop's Play-Along (55517) **2.40** Care Bears (55517) **3.00** Little Mermaid (55517) **3.25** Timon and Pumbaa (55517) **3.40** Tale Spin (55517) **4.30** Everyday's a Chooseday (8062) **5.00** Aladdin (8062) **5.25** Timon and Pumbaa (8062) **5.35** Mighty Ducks (743333) **6.00** Gargoyles (9555) **6.30** The Wonder Years (9997) **7.00** The Wayne Manifesto (4994) **7.30** Bone Chillers Chillogy (41826) **9.00-10.00** Flipper (83541)

FOX KIDS NETWORK

6.00am Delly and His Friends (94840) **6.30** Pinocchio (94840) **7.00** Samurai Pizza Cats (94840) **7.30** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (94840) **8.00** Casper (94840) **8.30** Power Rangers Zeo (94840) **9.00** Masked Rider (94840) **9.30** Beetleborgs (94840) **10.00** Spiderman (94840) **11.00** X Men (94840) **11.30** Phantom 2040 (94840) **12.00** The Tick (94840) **12.30pm** Life with Louie (94840) **1.00** Casper (94840) **1.30** Eek! (94840) **2.00** Samurai Pizza Cats (94840) **2.30** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (94840) **3.00** Casper (94840) **3.30** Power Rangers Zeo (94840) **4.00** Masked Rider (94840) **4.30** Beetleborgs (94840) **5.00** Spiderman (94840) **6.00** X Men (94840) **6.30-7.00** Goosebumps (94840)

TCC

6.00am Iznogoud (16710) **6.30** Dangermouse (10941) **7.00** Dennis the Menace (42159) **7.30** Where's Wally? (54994) **8.00** Batman (47807) **8.30** Art Attack (50401) **9.30** Earthworm Jim (88642) **10.00** Gravedale High (28081) **10.30** Flash Gordon (59642) **11.00** Creepy Crawlers (75739) **11.30** Cadillacs and Dinosaurs (76468) **12.00** Gravedale High (40994) **12.30pm** Stunt Dawgs (59130) **1.00** Batman (34130) **1.30** Dangermouse (58401) **2.00** Creepy Crawlers (6352) **2.30** Flash Gordon (1772) **3.00** Sonic the Hedgehog (2159) **3.30** Earthworm Jim (3517) **4.00** Dennis the Menace (5352) **4.30-5.00** Art Attack (1536)

CARTOON NETWORK

Continuous back-to-back episodes of the Flintstones from **5.00am** to **9.00pm**

NICKELODEON

6.00am Wubbulous World of Dr Seuss (78536) **6.30** Will Quack Quack/Little Bear Stories/Bananas in Pyjamas/Victor and Maria (73284) **7.00** Babar (26064) **7.30** Tales from the Cryptkeeper (81791) **8.00** Jumanji (94979) **8.30** Hey Arnold! (95420) **9.00** Rugrats (86772) **9.30** Rugrats (20604) **10.00** Doug (64536) **10.30** Aaahh! Real Monsters (15284) **11.00** Rocko (20265) **11.30** The Ren and Stimpy Show (21994) **12.00** The Adventures of Pete and Pete (44456) **12.30pm** Clarissa Explains It All (24420) **1.00** Alex Mack (76505) **1.30** Round the Twist (23791) **2.00** Bailey Kipper's Point of View (8178) **2.30** Littlest Pet Shop (6826) **3.00** Stickin' Around (3523) **3.30** Bruno the Kid (1371) **4.00** Hey Arnold! (7178) **4.30** Rugrats (6062) **5.00** Sister Sister (2130) **5.30** Sister Sister (2082) **6.00** Moesha (7555) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (8807)

TROUBLE

12.00 Byker Grove (8807) **12.30pm** Ready or Not (8807) **1.00** Madison (8807) **1.30** Sweet Valley High (8807) **2.00** Swan's Crossing (8807) **2.30** Blast (8807) **3.00** Byker Grove (8807) **3.30** Hangtime (8807) **4.00** California Dreams (8807) **4.30** Saved by the Bell (8807) **5.00** Sweet Valley High (8807) **5.30** Ready or Not (8807) **6.00** Hangtime (8807) **6.30** Madison (8807) **7.00** Saved by the Bell (8807) **7.30-8.00** California Dreams (8807)

BRAVO

8.00pm Screeners (8807) **8.30** New Twilight Zone (8807) **9.00** LA Heat (8807) **10.00** Tour of Duty (8807) **11.00 FILM: Henry: Portrait of a Serial Killer** (8807) **1.00am** LA Heat (8807) **2.00** Tour of Duty (8807) **3.00 FILM: Henry: Portrait of a Serial Killer** (8807) **5.00** Screeners (8807) **5.30** New Twilight Zone (8807)

PARAMOUNT COMEDY

7.00pm Roseanne (2994) **7.30** Family Ties (7791) **8.00** E UK (1842) **8.30** Wings (7449) **9.00** Cheers (27771) **9.30** Dr Katz (44284) **10.00** Monty Python Live at the Hollywood Bowl (58772) **11.30** London Underground (53420) **12.00** Soap (77294) **12.30am** Pig Sty (68937) **1.00** Cheers (17463) **1.30** Dr Katz (56840) **2.00** E UK (86937) **2.30** Paramount Presents (64444) **3.00** Roseanne (37227) **3.30-4.00** Wings (88024)

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BAF warns of more drug abuse

Christie leads condemnation of shorter bans

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT, IN ATHENS

LINFORD CHRISTIE may not be here at the world championships to run but he moved swiftly yesterday to support the British Athletic Federation (BAF) in its condemnation of a decision to reduce drugs bans, for first offences, from four years to two. Christie and the Federation warned that the change would precipitate an increase in the number of athletes taking drugs.

The International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) announced the reduction in penalties yesterday, saying that longer bans would be too expensive to fight in a climate of increasing recourse to the courts. It said that, in some countries, four-year bans on athletes who take drugs were unenforceable and that it would be unfair to continue to operate a two-tier punishment system where competitors received suspensions of varying lengths for similar offences.

Primo Nebiolo, the IAAF president, said that the world governing body had been forced into this position because "the lawyers are unfortunately, very expensive". The BAF, however, wants no relaxing of the regulations, despite facing a damages claim of close to £1 million from Diane Modahl which threatens to bankrupt it.

Modahl is suing after a drugs test in 1994, which resulted in her suspension, was shown to be unreliable. The IAAF has given no financial support to the BAF which was following IAAF procedures. Undeterred, Britain evidently believes that no price is too high to pay for protecting the health of the sport.

> *'It is high time that we found men and women of courage to stand against the warping of the meaning of sport'*
>
> **Rob Hughes, page 38**

"I thought the thing was going forwards but we are going backwards all of a sudden," Christie said. "I think it leaves it open now for people to take drugs. We should have made it eight years or a life ban. The deterrent is not strong enough."

Nebiolo emphasised that two years was the minimum suspension for a first steroid offence and that "if a (national) federation chooses to give 50 years, it is free to do so".

It is now up to the BAF to decide whether it wishes unilaterally to retain the four-year suspension, but it is improbable that British athletes will be singled out for harsher punishments.

Christie, however, appeared to oppose that. "Someone has to take the stand and I think we should," he said. "The majority of our athletes are drug-free and we should be able to prove it to the rest of the world.

Alan Warner, the BAF vice-chairman, voiced vigorous opposition to the IAAF congress before the decision was taken: "With the package of rules we currently have, and increased out-of-competition and no-notice testing, many of our old abuses seem to be under control," Warner said. "In some events the decline in performances is easily and well documented. The current combination of measures seems to strike an effective balance.

"As a deterrent, the rules give a clear message. Reduce this deterrent and there will undoubtedly be many more athletes who will take that chance because two years is not that long. This is not the time to signal to the world that we have lessened our resolve."

Nebiolo, not unreasonably, claimed that athletics had a more thorough testing programme than any other leading sport. However, it took a backward step last March when it reinstated two German athletes after they had served two years because their national law had ruled that a four-year ban was unreasonable. The same would apply, the IAAF said, to athletes from at least eight countries, including France, Russia and Spain.

"Some national courts do not support the four-year ban but they are very few," Warner contested. "Around 95 per cent of all IAAF nations have no such problems. Once again we are being asked for the vast majority to give way to the minority."

Nebiolo: forgetful

At the news conference to announce the decision Nebiolo made a fool of himself when asked whether stimulants would continue to carry a three-month suspension for a first offence. "We have a problem with stimulants and we reached an agreement, but I regret to tell you that I do not remember," Nebiolo said.

Making a farce out of a serious issue, he continued: "I am tired of discussing the problem of doping. I like these great events, these championships with their young people. Spending so much time following the pee-pee [urine testing] for me is not nice."

Istvan Jyulai, the IAAF general secretary, provided the answer, saying that the three-month suspension would be abolished and replaced by a warning. Life bans for second steroid offences will remain.

WHAT OTHER SPORTS DO

Badminton: Exclusion from the game, possibly for life

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Bodybuilding: First offence — one year; second offence — two years, third offence — life ban

Cycling: Professionals. First offence — disqualification plus suspension of six to 12 months plus fine and loss of points. Second offence — disqualification plus suspension of one to two years plus fine and loss of points. Third offence — disqualifaction plus permanent debarment and fine. Finding of illegal levels of caffeine, narcotic analgesics or ephedrines: first offence — disqualification plus suspension of up to three months and fine and loss of points. Third offence — disqualification plus permanent debarment and fine.

Gymnastics: Ephedrine and related or similar substances, first offence — three-month suspension. Second offence — two-year suspension. Third offence — possibility of complete exclusion. Steroid, anabolic stimulant or similar substances: first offence — two-year suspension. Second offence — complete exclusion.

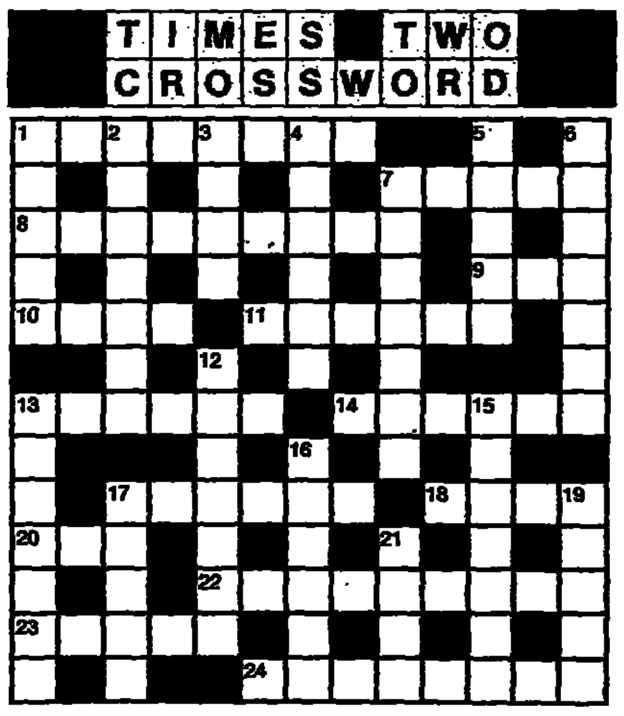
Judo: From tournament: Disqualification, forfeit placing and any mention in official records, forfeit any medals or awards. From International Judo Federation: first offence — two-year suspension to include the world championships and/or Olympic Games, international events. Second offence — life ban

Rugby league: Investigation. Disqualification, suspension; fine if found guilty of an offence.

Swimming: Four-year suspension for a positive test for steroids, the period to cover the Olympic Games after the offence. Stimulants and other substances carry a two-year penalty. If four swimmers from one nation test positive within a 12-month period, the whole nation is suspended for four years

Tennis: Class one: first offence — one-year suspension. Second offence — life ban. Class two: first offence — three-month suspension. Second offence — one-year suspension. Third offence — life ban. Class three: first offence — warning. Second offence — three-month suspension. Third offence — one-year ban.

Weightlifting: Anabolic agents, peptide hormones, masking agents, diurectics and/or pharmacological, chemical and physical manipulation of urine: first offence — life ban plus fine. Offence involving other substance: first offence — lesser suspension plus fine. Second offence — life ban plus fine.



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Dettori smiles as he mounts Classic Cliche before the big race yesterday. His backers were less happy afterwards. Photograph: Adrian Sherratt

Frankie's poor form bucks the system

> Lynne Truss finds that Goodwood can be far from glorious if your method of picking a winner leaves you out of pocket

IT'S a well-known fact that Kipling's *If* is written up somewhere prominent at Wimbledon. The reason they don't need it at race meetings is that, as far as punters are concerned, they are well acquainted with *tum-ti, tum-ti triumph and disaster* and treat those two imposters just the same.

On Wednesday nobody was the least bit sympathetic that I had lost twenty quid on well-tipped duff runners, not even when I pointed out that for twenty quid you could buy enough baked beans to feed a family for a year. Twenty quid evidently means nothing to these blokes. Show them the equivalent in 14oz cans and they just look at you.

Funny how you can still retain the urge to pick a winning horse, though. Hope triumphs over experience, but idiocy triumphs over both. The trouble is that, despite the pure wonderfulness of well-bred horseflesh thundering around the stunning Goodwood course, despite the uniquely exciting phenomenon of grandstand cheering as foam-flecked gee-gees attain the final furlong, there is absolutely no point being here if you don't adopt a horse for the duration and throw money at it. Obviously the next step for me was to stop losing and start winning. A "system" seemed to be the answer, although I have a nasty feeling that this idea has been thought of before.

Having failed to pick a winner by its own form on Wednesday, it seemed a good course of action to pick a jockey instead. As a scheme, this had the added advantage that, since Frankie Dettori is the only jockey that I've heard of (and he was riding all day), my choice was, happily, no choice at all. Packing a foldable rucksack (to transport my winnings), I set out for the bookies with a certain confidence. Frankie's horses sounded like excellent mounts, in any case — Noisette in the 2.15; Bodyguard in the 2.45; Classic Cliche, the favourite, in the 3.20. I liked the sound of Bodyguard, in particular — he was described as a "useful" colt, a school-report adjective that suggests that he sometimes insists on helping with the mucking out ("No, no, I'll do it").

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Well, hindsight operates a lot in sport, doesn't it? After Justin Leonard won the Open Championship at Troon last week, it was amazing how many people said "I knew he'd do that". Here beside the emerald sward, I can honestly say that I was attracted to Dazzle (who won the first race), but only because her colour was intriguingly described as "bay or brown", when you would think someone would know the difference. But ho hum, all spilt milk now. Noisette, running with six months' supply of my personal baked beans piled awkwardly on her nose, came ninth out of ten, and the only consolation was that her owner, Sheikh Mohammed, probably cared even more than I did, which served him right for being such a sourpuss.

Come on Frankie! You can do it! You did it loads of times once, didn't you? Hoping to encourage him personally, I raced to the parade ring to see him mount Bodyguard, got odds of 9-2 and then retired to an excellent vantage point to watch Frankie burn up the turf. He was now in a very beautiful all-green shirt and cap, which looked lucky. Yet, curiously enough, the winner of this race was Daggers Drawn, ridden by Kieren Fallon. "Fallon?" I said, the name ringing a bell from the racing on Wednesday. What a swizz. Fallon always loses, surely? Isn't he known for it?

And so it went on, I'm afraid, with me sticking to my system like a fool. The biggest race of the afternoon was the Crowson Goodwood Cup, in which Dettori, now in a very fetching blue, rode Classic Cliche, "one of the top stayers in Europe" — which sounds like one of those guests who won't leave, but is, in fact, a horse that can run two miles without getting puffed out, clutching the rail and then falling over. But it was not Frankie's day, somehow. A cunning plan to surprise the others and overtake them on the home stretch (a classic cliché in itself) went wrong at the last minute and, in a sensational finish, Dettori came second behind Double Trigger.

Now, I don't blame Frankie for any of this. Everyone says he's a lovely bloke. In the flesh, he's very short, of course; but don't forget people also say that about the Queen and Tom Conti. All I would mention here is that race days are a bit tough for the jockeys because, very noticeably, they never get a break for a cup of tea, and, in fact, barely have time between races for the necessary ironing.

What sterling fellows they are, in the circumstances. After not winning the Goodwood Cup, Dettori dismounted without his trademark circus trick, but otherwise looked completely unconcerned. And considering his welcoming committee was the rather scary retinue of Sheikh Mohammed — got up like the cast of *Reservoir Dogs* — this was a real tribute to him.

My final fling was on the 3.50 Schweppes Golden Mile, a handicap in which Dettori's horse was Star Talent, described as "not the most reliable of performers". Hmm. The way I see it, you lose some, you lose some. One door closes and another shuts. I went for the ten-quid bet again and Frankie came twelfth. When you've got a system, you see, you stick with it, all the way. Otherwise you'd be leaving everything to chance, which would never, never do.

Silva blocked from signing for United

BY IAN WHITTELL

MANCHESTER United's troubled preparations for the defence of their FA Carling Premiership title received a further setback yesterday when the Department for Education and Employment confirmed that Celio Silva, the Brazil centre half, will not be granted a work permit.

The collapse of the deal to take Silva, 29, to Old Trafford came at the worst possible time for Alex Ferguson, the United manager, who has Gary Pallister (groin), David May (thigh), Gary Neville (thigh) and Ronny Johnsen (knee) sidelined because of injury.

Although May is the only defender definitely ruled out of the FA Charity Shield meeting with Chelsea at Wembley on Sunday, the fact that Silva has been refused permission to play for United affects Ferguson's planning. Ferguson said: "The deal for Silva is off. We have heard today that they have refused us the work permit and there is not much we can do about it."

United had believed that Silva had made more than 20 international appearances, which would have satisfied Department requirements. Dante Poli, the Chilean defender, is on trial at Old Trafford and he will play in a United reserve game at Bournemouth tonight.

The other United injury worry concerns the striker, Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, who will be out for four to six weeks with ankle ligament trouble. His place alongside Teddy Sheringham at Wembley could now go to a rejuvenated Jordi Cruyff, who has been impressive in pre-season matches, or Andy Cole.

Another unhappy manager yesterday was Colin Todd, of Bolton Wanderers, whose proposed £500,000 purchase of Peter Beardsley was stopped by the Newcastle United board — a move that went against assurances given by Kenny Dalglish, the manager — because Newcastle have not signed a replacement for the injured Alan Shearer.

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Schofield sees need for change

KEN SCHOFIELD, executive director of the PGA European Tour, yesterday gave qualified approval to Colin Montgomerie's assertion that future Ryder Cup teams should be drawn from the world rankings (Mel Webb writes).

Widespread criticism of the methods used for selection to the team has been made primarily because of the form of Jesper Parnevik, who is at present not a member of the European Tour and is therefore not eligible to qualify by earning his way into the team. If the Swede is to play against the United States in September he must be one of the two selections allowed to Severiano Ballesteros, the captain.

Schofield, in Malmö for the Volvo Scandinavian Masters, agreed that Montgomerie's suggestion had merit, but said that he would prefer a compromise. "I would like to see a combination of world rankings and Volvo [European Tour] rankings to decide future teams. It would be the best of both worlds," he said.

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